

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

March 17

The following year he acted as Private Secretary to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government from May to November. He passed his Law Examination in December that year and was appointed Police Magistrate and Clerk of the Hongkong Court of the Magistracy.

The bride, who is a nursing sister at Queen Mary Hospital, is the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Anderson Collier, of Edinburgh, Scotland. Her gown of heavy white satin, was fashioned with a high waisted draped bodice which buttoned down the back, and sleeves that were long and fitted. The full skirt ended in a short train at the back. A long circular, embroidered tulle veil was held in position by a crown of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of tuber-roses. The ensemble was made by Eunice.

The Principal Matron of Queen Mary Hospital, Miss Alice Mary Davies, acted as Maid of Honour and wore a smart ankle-length frock of bluey green. Her black hat was trimmed with pink roses, which flowers, mixed with lilies, composed her bouquet.

The two bridesmaids were the Misses Dorothy Baker and Mabel Fielder, who wore charming shepherdess frocks of soft white organdy embroidered with chambraks. The full skirts were looped at the hem and worn over white net and lace petticoats. Long white kid gloves offset the short puffed sleeves. Their large white handkerchiefs were trimmed with Irish green velvet ribbon with long streamers tied under the chin. Their bouquets of white marguerites and scarlet geraniums were tied with Irish green velvet ribbons.

Bridegroom's Career
The bridegroom is the son of Major-General H. P. W. Barrow, C.B., D.S.O., and Mrs Barrow, of Epsom, England. A member of the Colonial Administrative Service, the bridegroom came to Hongkong in February, 1927. Two years later he was appointed Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in March, and Fourth Assistant Colonial Secretary in May. In November that year he became Acting Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, and to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government in the following February. In May he was appointed Secretary to His Excellency the Governor. He was again Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in June, 1930.

In November, 1931, Mr Barrow was attached to the District Office, North.

Tuesday

March 18

Badminton. Several matches in the badminton championships were held to-night at Rector's, the best being that between T. S. Young (Chinese, 15-17, 15-17) and J. J. Young (English, 15-17, 15-17). The scores were 15-13 in both sets, the former winning 10-13, 10-18.

Young's superior net play won him the match, but his recovery from smashes also contributed towards victory. Young was the quicker of the two, to settle down but he was over-enthusiastic and it was not long before Young had his measure. Both sets provided ding-dong struggles, and Young emerged successful.

W. E. Gillespie (St. Andrew's) easily overcame A. L. Gordon (Police) 15-7, 15-7. Gordon, who had been sitting out an examination and rushed straight to the court, put up a creditable showing against a more experienced player, whose strongest department was his backhand angled-placements at the net and his smashing.

In the junior doubles, W. Gillespie and J. Anderson had difficulty in beating W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung, both of whom appeared to be mere novices compared to their opponents. Gillespie and Anderson had plenty to spare but made frequent silly errors. Anderson in particular was very weak overhead and mistimed many of his smashes, some of which he completely missed.

Henry and Decima Eardley (St. John's) fought a hard-fought match in the second round of the mixed doubles at the expense of W. E. Gillespie and Laurie Wong (St. Andrew's) 15-7, 15-6. The Eardleys' court craft and better consistency carried them through, although Gillespie and his partner put up a creditable showing, especially as they had not paired off together previously.

Tennis Championships. The tennis championships were begun at the Hongkong Cricket Club grounds yesterday when several prominent players appeared. The results were as expected.

Results:
Singles—H. D. Runjahn beat W. J. Howard 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles—G. Umetani and T. Imura beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-1, 6-3. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat T. A. Martin and E. G. Mathias 6-2, 6-2. T. W. Yung and T. W. Yung beat C. H. R. Oxley and A. H. Barwell 6-2, 7-5.

Appeal Tribunal. Two cases were heard to-day by the Compulsory Service Appeal Tribunal, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor (Chairman), Mr. J. F. Fether and the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

The first case was that of Mr. J. J. King, of Falcon and Co., who asked for re-assignment from the Compulsory Service on the ground that he could not find time for volunteer training.

Mr. King said that he was the sole European in charge of the firm, which was an agent for Admiralty charts the



Mr John Barrow, of the Colonial Administrative Service, Hongkong, and his bride, the former Miss Katherine Ellnor Collier, who were married at St John's Cathedral on March 17.

Review Of The Principal Topics

March 16 To March 22

Wednesday

March 19

Silver Jubilee. Rev. Fr. A. Rignanti, Rector of St. Joseph's Church commemorated his Silver Jubilee as a priest to-day when Solemn Mass was said at St. Joseph's at 4 a.m., followed by Solemn Benediction and Te Deum at the Cathedral, where Right Rev. Mr. Henry Valbert, Vicar Apostolic, officiated, and a special procession to the Catholic Mission House culminating in a dinner organised by his parishioners.

Father Rignanti was ordained in Italy on March 18, 1916 at the age of 22 years, when he was still in Italian Army. He came to Hongkong in 1920 and became Rector of St. Joseph's 12 years ago. He was for seven years previously Chaplain of St. Joseph's.

Father Rignanti celebrated his first Mass on March 19, the day observed by Rector of St. Joseph's as the Feast of St. Joseph. A lover of music from his childhood, Fr. Rignanti mastered the theory and practice of music by himself, without the benefit of specialised training, and to-day a musician of high merit, having many compositions to his credit. His "Miserere" has been played regularly in the Cathedral during Holy Week for the past 20 years.

A feature of the celebrations was the large number of Fr. Rignanti's musical compositions used both at the evening service and at the presentation of plans to him. The combined choir of the Cathedral and St. Joseph's Church rendered several of his works including his "Adore Te Deum" and "Sublime Deo" at the evening Benediction. Both services were well-attended.

Cholera. A total of 78 further cases of Cholera, (70 from Victoria and four each from Kowloon and Aberdeen). Two cases each of Diphtheria and Typhoid, 14 of Dysentery, one of Measles, and 53 of Tuberculosis, were reported on Tuesday.

Of the Cholera cases reported, only 11 were actually new cases occurring on Tuesday, the remainder having been under medical investigation since the beginning of the year is now 323.

Tennis Results. Further first round matches in the Colony's tennis championships were decided at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground to-day.
R. H. Yip, South China champion, made short work of Ho Ka-lau, winning in easy style.

Paul Kong played a fine game and easily fung Yee-pui to victory by accurate placements. The match was dull but for Kong's spectacular display, and his ace services and deep volleys were a treat to watch.

Combining for the first time, G. Chao and A. V. Remedios entered the second round at the expense of A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong. Chao made a welcome appearance on the courts after being absent for some time.

Singles.—K. H. Yip beat Ho Ka-lau 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles.—Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui beat H. K. Kien and F. E. Ling 6-4, 6-3. G. Chao and A. V. Remedios beat A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 6-1. B. and I. Agnaroff beat Pang O-lam and Lee Kam-ming 6-2, 8-6. B. O'M. Dean and A. T. Low received a walk-over from W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell.

Club Handicap.—T. C. Monaghan beat P. Wynter-Blyth 6-3, 6-3.



Mr Graham Torrible and his bride, the former Miss Doreen Eardley, who were married at St. Joseph's Church on March 20.

Thursday

March 20

Social Evils. The experiment of employing Chinese women police for the purpose of stamping out soliciting for prostitution in Hongkong, and then elimination of prostitutes may be attempted.

In his report for the year, 1939, the Commissioner of Police says that it is considered that the time is now ripe for such an experiment.

He declares that a grave problem facing the Government is the poverty stricken refugees as that of prostitution. Certain limited areas of the Colony have become by night the haunt of a large number of prostitutes. Soliciting for prostitution has become a serious social evil, and the number and poverty of the women concerned have contributed to the spreading of venereal disease.

This problem formed the subject of an inquiry by a Committee appointed for the purpose by H.E. the Governor.

Dope Divans Increase

Another evil effect of overcrowding, poverty and unemployment is the spread of opium and heroin divans. Frequent raids are conducted on such illicit divans by both Police and Revenue officers. During 1939 there were 2,483 cases for offences against the Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinances, as compared with 2,081 cases in 1938.

The rise in the price of firewood and the presence here of large numbers of poverty stricken and unemployed refugees have caused an increase in the number of forestry offences. There were 2,393 cases for such offences as compared with 2,240 cases in 1938. A large number of raids have been made by police and forestry officers, but the position is still serious.

Nightsoil Removal System. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, at a meeting to-day, gave its approval for Government to take over control of the removal of nightsoil at an annual expenditure of \$400,000.

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary) presided and said that both His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council were of the opinion that the change-over should be adopted without further delay, particularly from the important aspect of defence.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Patterson remarked that none of the members felt very happy about the matter though they felt it had to be done, while the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo protested emphatically against the failure of the Urban Council and Government to consider representations of the Luen Yick Guild.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell recommended that as many people as possible be engaged in the business should be employed by Government, and an assurance to this effect was given by the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Urban Council.

Both the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and the Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam dissociated themselves from the motion. The four expressed the hope that extra taxation to provide for the cost of the new scheme would not be necessary, while the latter remarked that it would be Hongkong, officiated, and Mr. J. R. Smith was at the organ.

The Committee also considered and approved other votes totalling \$519,050.

Wedding. A halo of small ostrich feathers in place of the conventional wreath of orange blossoms was worn by Miss Florence Margaret Fowler over her long circular veil of net when she became the bride of Mr William Garland Long at St. John's Cathedral to-day.

Youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Fowler, of Hongkong, the bride was given away by her father. She looked charming in a gown of ivory-toned French satin trimmed with silver large number of ostrich feathers, and a long circular veil. She carried a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley, tea roses, and maidenhair fern.



Mr and Mrs W. G. Long, who were married at St. John's Cathedral on March 20. The bride was formerly Miss Florence Margaret Fowler.

The Misses Norah Witcheil and Allison Fisher, as bridesmaids, wore attractive bouffant frocks of mauve-tinted tulle. Their small straw hats were trimmed with ostrich feathers. White carnations and maidenhair fern composed their bouquets.

The bride's mother attended the ceremony in a smart gown of orchid crepe satin. Her hat and accessories were black.

The bridegroom, who is on the staff of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., Hongkong, is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. N. Long of Mundaring, Perth, Western Australia. He had Mr Don Davidson, of the Public Works Department, for his best man.

The Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of Hongkong, officiated, and Mr J. R. Smith was at the organ.

The reception was held in the Jacobson Room of the Hongkong Hotel. When the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Repulse Bay prior to view that street-sleepers and refugees going to Shanghai, Mrs Long wore a white and blue woollen dress, with hat the main responsible for the troubles attributed to the old system.

acting Governor of Hongkong during the past seven months, bade farewell to the Colony to-day. He is returning to England. The popularity which he has not in favour of causing any alarm to the public, administration was amply testified to by the large number of distinguished persons who attended the Governor's departure.

General Norton appeared to have fully recovered from the effects of his fall. He looked hale and hearty, and was given three lusty cheers.

City Bank Hold-up. A Chinese bank robber, whose name has not been given, was badly slashed in the face and arms while attempting to stop two armed robbers in Queen's Road Central to-day, and are lying in Queen Mary Hospital in a fairly serious condition.

Shortly after noon on Thursday an Indian depositor arrived at the Wing Bank, Bonham Strand West, with a bag containing N.C.\$2,000. Apparently carried by the large amount being carried by the Indian, two robbers had been lurking in the vicinity of the bank for some time, suddenly rushed in, cowed everyone present by brandishing knives, snatched the bag from the Indian and ran off in the direction of Queen's Road followed by Mr. Li and other officials.

Near Ho Tung Building the European, who was passing, attempted to stop the robbers. A scuffle ensued in which the European received cuts in the face and arms.

Bank officials who had come up in the meantime attempted to tackle the robbers and Mr Li was severely cut in the face. The robbers escaped but some hours later an arrest was made and part of the money recovered.

Tennis Championships. Only two matches in the Colony's Tennis championships were played to-day, and both were doubles.

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung proved far too strong for Wei Chung and S. T. Chau, winning the match without the loss of a single game. As indicated by the scores, the match was too one-sided to be interesting, the winners very few cases, but these have now done practically as they liked.

In the other encounter, Tai Wai-pui and Tai Yan-pui, last year's finalists, gave willing co-operation except in a few cases, but these have now done practically as they liked.

Lieut.-Gen. Norton Leaves. Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, who has been 6-2, 6-1.

Saturday

March 22

Football. Shield matches were to the fore again at the week-end and the bit surprise was Eastern's Senior Shield defeat at the hands of Royal Navy. The Navy now meets South China in the final after the latter's de-

Quips By "Argus" With Acknowledgments

"St. John man, instructing a first-aid class: 'There are two things a St. John man must not do—he must never lift a lady's skirt, and he must never take money for it.'"

"I see a 'grass windower' wants to start a mess. Best way is to rent a glass house and throw a party."

"There is now a theory that the lightning companies are getting even for loss of revenue in black-outs. So Government, should retaliate with daylight saving."

"As I understand it, the Cholera outbreak is a crying shame and something ought to be done about it—provided no money is spent and no one is subjected to discipline, inconvenience or loss of privilege."

"If you leave a fortune of more than \$50,000 you now have to pay 52% Estate Duty. Better spend the 52% and let the Government have the 48."

"Government has forbidden the publication of passenger lists. So if enemy agents want information they'll have to go to Blake Pier and read the labels on the luggage."

"Best of recent schoolboy howlers, collected by Cecil Hunt:—'The most famous king of all was Henry the Eighth; he was even fatter, and had so many children he had to have several wives. In his spare time he was quite a good musician.'"

"As the result of subsidence cracks, Government House is doomed to be demolished. There is no truth in the rumour that several Unofficial Members of Council have had severe heart attacks."

"Charges for gas are going up again. That's one way of stopping pipes from leaking."

"For Sale.—One damaged Military Machine. Still working order. Box 960, Post Office, Home."

"Extract from letter received at Public Assistance Office: 'Please send me money at once. I need it badly. I have fallen into errors with my landlord.'"

feat of St. Joseph's yesterday in the semi-final.

In the Junior Shield South China and Royal Army Service Corps had easy passages into the final with convincing victories over Sing Tao "B" and Royal Navy respectively.

Senior Shield, Semi-Final

Eastern 1 Royal Navy 2
St. Joseph's 1 South China 7

Junior Shield, Semi-Final

R.A.S.C. 0 R. Navy 1
Sing Tao "B" 0 South China 5

First Division

Police 1 Kowloon 7

Second Division

Police 1 Middlesex 4
1st. Chce 2 R.A.O.C. 0
11. Scots 7 Club 0

Third Division

Shell 2 R.A.M.C. 0
30th R.A. 3 International 1
1st Signals 0 A.S.A. 4
12th R.A. 0 I.R.A. 1
35th R.A. 1 7th R.A. 4

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Peak School Re-opening. It is reported that the Peak School will be re-opened under Government control, for the summer term, after the Easter holidays.

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It is understood that Miss M. F. D. Gernell and Miss Joan Green have been appointed to take charge.

Volunteers Inspection. The Corps Artillery, Hongkong Volunteer Corps, were inspected by His Excellency the Governor, at the Victoria Barracks, on Monday afternoon. Nearly 500 officers and men from five Batteries were on parade on Murray Parade Ground.

It was the first occasion on which the Corps Artillery has been inspected as a unit.

Major-General Granett arrived at 3 p.m., accompanied by Brigadier T. McLeod, C.R.A., Major G. E. S. Proes, R.A., and Captain R. E. St. John, A.D.C. He was met by Col. H. B. Hese (Commandant, I.K.V.D.C.) and Captain E. N. Thursby (Adjutant). The parade was brought to attention by Lieut.-Col. T. Adde-Martin, Officer Commanding Corps Artillery, and the general salute was given.

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(To be continued, to-morrow)

FIRING PRACTICES

Heavy And Light Gun Shoots This Week

Firing practice as under is notified for to-day.

(a) Heavy Gun practice between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Firing Area "B" will be affected. Alternative date March 25; (b) Heavy Gun anti-aircraft practice between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the southern area of the island. Firing Area "C" will be affected. (c) Reserved between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight for heavy gun practice in firing areas "D" and "E." (d) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight in firing areas "D" and "E" providing that practice in para 1 (c) above is not carried out.

Firing practice as under is notified for to-morrow.

(a) Heavy gun anti-aircraft practice between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the southern area of the island. Firing Area "C" will be affected. (b) Reserved between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for heavy gun practice originally arranged for March 18 in firing areas "D" and "E." (c) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Light gun practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight on March 24 1941. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected. Firing practice as under is notified for March 25: (a) Reserved between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for heavy gun practice originally arranged for March 18 in firing areas "D" and "E." (b) Heavy gun practice between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Firing area "D" will be affected. Alternative date April 3. (c) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Light gun practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight in firing areas "D" and "E" on March 28.

Indian Pilots Coming Here

A report published in yesterday's Chinese newspapers stated that thirty Indian pilots from the Indian Air Force would be coming to Hongkong in small numbers of two or three to undergo training with the China National Aviation Corporation.

The purpose in sending these pilots here is to allow them to obtain practical experience in piloting the Douglas type of aircraft which the Indian Airways have decided to use in future in their different services.

It is learned that one of the pilots has recently completed a course and returned to India, while another is at present under training.

The Indian pilots are required to operate as co-pilots on the C.N.A.C. planes for a month before completing training.

Japanese Policy Defined

American Help To China Resented

Tokyo, Mar. 23.

Clear-cut views of the Japanese Army and Navy regarding the United States' anti-Japanese attitude, reinforcement of defences by hostile Powers surrounding Japan, the China coast blockade and the proposed evacuation of belligerent rights, were given at the Lower House Accounts Committee session on Saturday by Lieut.-General Kurechika Anami, Vice-Minister of War, and Rear-Admiral Takazumi Oka, Director of the Naval Affairs Bureau of the Navy Ministry.

Lieut.-General Anami declared: "It is the set principle to reject firmly any Powers assisting Chiang Kai-shek, no matter which third Powers they may be or whatever methods they may employ. Whatever President Roosevelt may say, Japan is pushing ahead with the settlement of the China campaign under the conviction that Japan is not an aggressor. Japan can never be flinched by such an intimidatory stand taken by them. The Japanese nation should not necessarily be encouraged or discouraged by their pronouncements. We have only to proceed boldly and fearlessly forward with the national policy of the Japanese Empire."

Rear-Admiral Oka said: "To-day international relations are extremely strained. Especially in the Orient there are many complicated problems in connection with the China campaign, the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute and the reported Anglo-American defence scheme with Singapore as its base. It is to be expected that in connection with these problems the Powers concerned would engage in an increasingly acute armament race. In fact armament expansion is proceeding in various quarters. But the Japanese Navy is taking effective measures for the purpose of insuring the fullest security of the entire national defence, by considering the general situation. Although the belligerent rights under International Law have not yet been invoked, the Navy is yielding practically the same effects by tightening the naval blockade."—Domei.

Bulgarians On Rations

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Butter, vegetable oils and lard will be rationed in Bulgaria next week and cards for that purpose will be issued to the populace, states a Sofia report quoted by the Moscow radio.

A shortage of foodstuffs, the radio adds, is now noticeable in the Bulgarian capital where beef is almost unobtainable and the sale of bread is rigorously restricted.



INTERMED.—Maharana of Kapurthala, wife of powerful and wealthy potentate in India, reported held in German concentration camp near Besencon, Franco with other British women.

CHINESE WEDDING

Mr Chau Sui-ki Marries Miss Yang Jen-chi

A pretty wedding took place at Kiu Yau Church, High Street, on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Yang Jen-chi, of Tientsin, became the bride of Mr Chau Sui-ki.

The Rev. Ho Shue-tak officiated, and Mr Peter Cheung was at the organ, with Mr John Cheung, violin, and Mr N. Lai, cello.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs Yang and the late Mr Yang Man-chi. The bridegroom is the son of Mr and Mrs Chau Yung, of Hongkong.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Chau Sui-mo and Chan Sui-ping. The best man was Mr Chan Sui-kwan, brother of the bridegroom. A dinner party was held at the Sun Kee Yuen Restaurant in the evening.

Other Ceremonies

The following weddings took place at the Registry on Saturday, before Mr J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar: Mr Cheung Hon-ying, merchant, and Miss Chan Wai-fong, of No. 10 Stanton Street;

Mr Ma Chun-yick, student, and Miss Wong May-ying, student;

Mr Tsoi Tat-fong, censor, and Miss Au Woon-pik, of No. 35 Chai Road;

Mr Shu Kit-wah, merchant, and Miss Ko Wai-fong, of No. 13 Tik Lung Lane;

Mr Au Yung Yue-shun, accountant, and Miss Tsoi Fung-chen, of No. 25 Tang Lung Street;

Mr Ho Kwok-shing, merchant, and Miss Yung Chun-ching, of No. 36 Apiti Street;

Mr Kwok Wing-cheung, tea merchant, and Miss Kwok Yee-king, of No. 200 Queen's Road, West;

Mr Cheung Ka-fu, merchant, and Miss Wong Tsui-ying, of No. 2 Koon Ma Terrace;

Mr Mak King-chu, reporter, and Miss Luke Po-king, of No. 8 Hillwood Road.

REVENUE IN CHINA IMPROVING

Trading Survey of 1940

A comprehensive review of the international situation, Japan's political changes of 1940 and her war with China and trade vicissitudes in China which affect the operations of the Chinese Maritime Customs is contained in the introductory survey of "The Trade of China, 1940," issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs.

In China the Japanese military effort for the year under review was mainly directed at air attacks including raids on Chungking and attempts to cut China's supply routes. Otherwise the armies of invasion occupied little or no additional Chinese territory. There was heavy but generally inconclusive fighting in Shansi, Hupeh, southern Hunan, Chekiang, Kiangsi, Kwangtung and Kwangsi, and sporadic fighting and guerrilla warfare in other provinces. In February the Japanese took Nanning and parts of southern Kwangsi; but in October the Japanese evacuated Nanning, and in November they withdrew their entire forces from Kwangsi.

The survey publishes a complete account of the establishment in Nanking of the Wang Ching-wei regime on March 30, 1940 and its treaties with Japan and Manchukuo.

From China's financial point of view the most important development of 1940 was undoubtedly the credit loans obtained from the United States of America. The first of such loans was made in March for U.S.\$20,000,000; the second, in September, for U.S.\$25,000,000; and the third on December 1, directly following the Wang-Abe Treaty of "Basic Relations" and therefore generally regarded as a move to counteract it, for U.S.\$50,000,000 with a further U.S.\$50,000,000 for monetary protection and management as between the Chinese and American currencies, in contemplation.

Throughout the year trade in the free areas was much affected by war operations, hostile interference with trading with the outside world and the Chinese restriction of importations of unessential goods. The last factor tended to produce a relatively favourable trade balance.

The prevention of smuggling did not present quite so many difficulties as in past recent years due to the severe restrictions on the free movement of goods in North China and to the fact that the Japanese Navy enforced a rigid blockade of the coast.

Although the Customs authorities continued to function in Amoy, and have remained in Swatow and Canton, little if any preventive work could be carried on at those places.

With the partial reopening of the Pearl River to commercial shipping in April 1940, the Canton Customs were able to resume a measure of control over steamer traffic between Canton and Hongkong and Macao.

The report contains statistics covering imports and exports between China ports and foreign countries. It is noted that the total revenue collection for 1940 in terms of national currency was \$475,740,134, as compared with \$331,323,640 for 1939, an increase of \$144,416,494 or approximately 44 per cent.

PEAK SCHOOL

TO BE RE-OPENED UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL
It is reported that the Peak School will be re-opened, under Government control, for the summer term, after the Easter holidays.

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Joe Louis Extended By Abe Simon

DETROIT, Mar. 22 (UP).—Joe Louis, the heavyweight boxing champion, successfully defended his title to-night by a technical knock-out over his Abe Simon, of New York, in the 13th round of their scheduled 20-round fight in the Olympia Auditorium.

Simon, who is known as "Man Mountain", astounded the boxing world by lasting so long against the "invincible" negro. He provided Louis' last serious opponent since the latter was knocked out by Max Schmeling.

The bout was watched by 10,000 flabbergasted fans—a record indoor crowd for Detroit. Simon was floored twice in the 13th round, was on the canvas twice earlier in the fight and at another time went half-way through the ropes.

This is the fifteenth time Louis has successfully defended his title.

Japanese Athletic Headquarters

TOKYO, Mar. 23 (Domei).—Named after the late Dr Seichi Kishi, "Father of Japanese Athletics," the two-storeyed Kishi Memorial Hall was opened here on Saturday. It will serve as headquarters of the Japan Athletic Federation.

The ceremony opened with the formal carrying in of the Japanese flag, which was donated by Col Prince Yasuhito Chichibu, the Federation Patron. Officiating at the ceremony was Mr Ichi Kishi, Section Chief of the Information Board, who is a son of the late Dr Kishi.

Yachting

British Team Wins Scandinavian Cup Race

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday conducted the Second Scandinavian Cup Race, which resulted in a win for Britain against Scandinavia by 39 points to 33. Britain won the morning event 21-15 and tied 18-18 in the afternoon event.

The members of Britain's crews were Messrs. P. S. M. Sedgwick, J. L. Anderson, L. C. Baker, D. G. Allen, H. W. Browne, L. O. Thomson, T. C. Fairbairn, K. M. A. Barnett, M. I. de Ville, G. G. Wood, H. C. Taylor, and W. A. Johnson. Their Scandinavian opponents were Messrs. K. Holberg, O. Flinck, K. Wilkens, J. Johnsen, S. Stakland, J. V. Christensen, S. Berg, J. Krogh-Moe, L. Onstad, B. Herschend, N. O. Christensen, and N. W. Smeby.

Synthetic Lubricating Oil Claim

According to the Tokyo "Asahi," Dr Yuzaburo Nagai, of the Imperial University's Institute for Aeronautical Research, after nine years experimenting, has discovered a process which will produce lubrication oil for aeroplane engines from vegetable matter of a type which is abundant in Japan.



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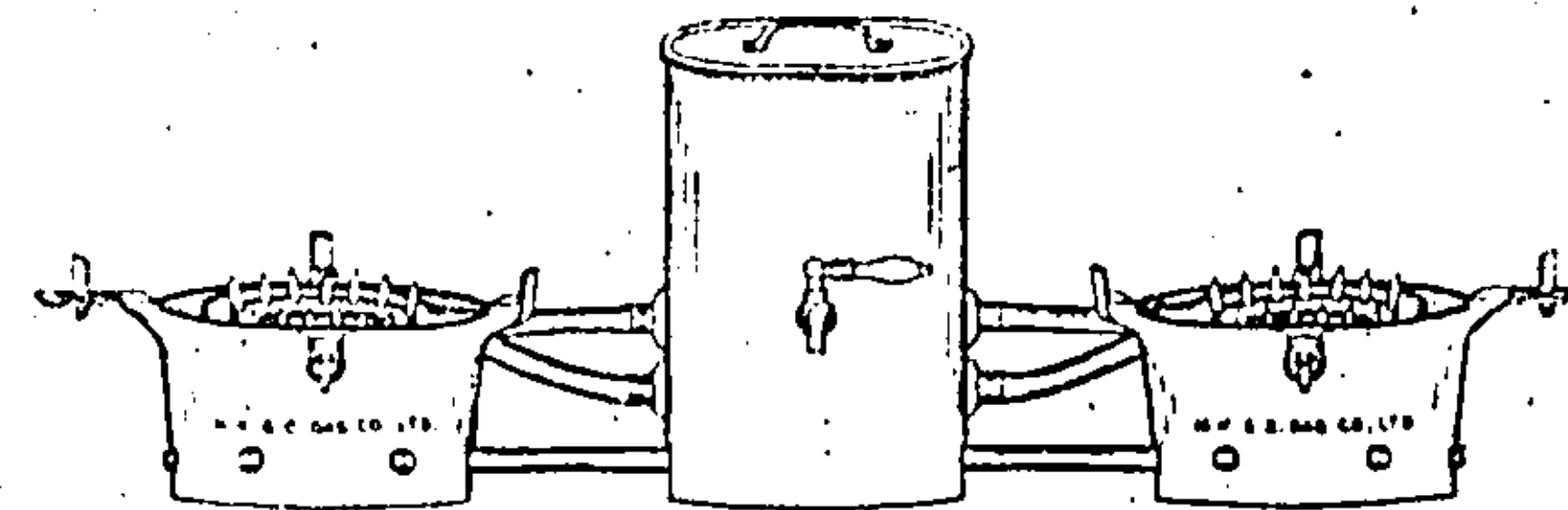
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

South China Favoured For Shield Final

St Joseph's Trounced 7-1 In Causeway Bay Semi-Final

(By "SCRAMBLER")

SOUTH CHINA ENTERED THE FINAL of the Senior Shield yesterday at the expense of St Joseph's College whom they trounced at Causeway Bay by seven goals to one. They were far superior in every department of the game, and with the exception of the first few minutes, they subjected the Saints' goal to continuous raids.

Upper Hand Throughout

South China were better able to play as a combination, whereas the Saints were very loose in attack. The form displayed by the winners augurs well for their match against the Navy, and it was their exhibition of team play in the second half that kept spectators' interest alive. From the start they had the Saints well under control, and were always masters of the situation.

But for the fine work put in by Hussain, Bowen, Guy and Leonard in the defence, the losers would have gone down still heavier, as it was their robust and untiring efforts that stopped South China from scoring on many occasions. Hussain and Bowen formed a steady pair of backs, and because of the work neglected by their wing halves, they were called upon to perform extra duties, which were executed to their credit.

Guy worked tirelessly throughout, but found the close passing game of the winners much too fast for him. He used his head to good advantage, and his long passes to his wingers were not accepted by the latter on numerous occasions. Both Leonard and Castilho worked hard, the former was seen in many a tussle against the speedy Chinese inside trio, but both were prone to leave their respective wingers too much unmarked.

In attack, the Saints lacked cohesion. There were far too many individual efforts seen, the wingers were deplorably weak, and Roach on the extreme right was more of a passenger than a player throughout. Santos was the best of the inside trio, and put in his usual share of work. MacDonald was hard working, but was unable to combine with his men. Gomes worked unobtrusively throughout.

Usual Form

As usual, South China played well as a team, and it would be hard to single out any individual for special mention. The backs were sound and steady, positioning themselves well, while the middle line were always ready to lend a hand both in attack and defence. The good work put in by the intermediate trio, often had the Saints' attack on the wrong foot. The attacking five were in deadly form, each one having a share in the goals scored. They combined well and were able to offset the robust

tackling of Saints' defenders by alternating their play with long and short passes.

Lee Wai-tong led them well, and it was again the crafty Chow Man-chi who held the eye with his clever footwork. Chan Tak-fai was a great opportunist and both wingers, Lee Tak-kee and Lee Shek-yau were keen to good advantage with their fast runs down the side lines, and many good centres.

Early Lead

THE SAINTS obtained an early lead when Guy converted from the "spot-kick" for hands against Tse Kam-hung after three minutes' play. After this, South China went into the attack, and only the keen anticipation of Sammy Tsang saved them from being scored on. With pressure being kept up, South China attacked, and Guy was penalised for handling in the area. Lee Wai-tong made no mistake from the resultant kick.

South China were definitely on the ascendancy after this. The Saints attacked loosely, and rarely were they able to get within shooting distance. South China took the lead when Chan Tak-fai sent in a fast grounder about forty yards out that had Sammy Tsang beaten all the way. Soon after, Lee Wai-tong again scored from the "spot-kick" for hands against Hussain.

Only S. China

Sammy Tsang was called upon to save from Lee Wai-tong from a free kick outside the area and after the interval there was only South China in the picture, who indulged in a series of well executed movements in one of which Lee Shek-yau centred across, nicely for Chow Man-chi to crash the ball into the net.

Both Tam Kwan-hon and Sammy Tsang came into the scenes with well timed saves, and both keepers were in fine form and played up well. With the Saints' defence concentrating on Lee Wai-tong, the centre forward slipped the ball to the unmarked Lee Tak-kee who made no mistake with a fast

Golf

A.A. Lopes Wins Country Club Championship

TAKING his second successive championship title at the Country Club, A. A. Lopes beat A. W. Ramsey at the 37th hole in the 36-holes final yesterday.

Lopes was double 2, after being 1 up at the 18th, but Ramsey took the last two holes in par figures to even the match for 36 holes. He badly topped his drive for the 37th, while Lopes went down in par 4 to win.

On Saturday, Ramsey eliminated R. E. Lee 2 and 1 in the semi-finals.

Mixed Foursomes

Two matches were played in the Mixed Foursomes. The results were: T. Y. C. Lee and A. Williams beat H. A. Alves and Mrs. Leo D'Almada 3 and 2.

J. B. Mackie and Miss M. C. Churn beat A. R. Pinna and Miss A. Sequeira 1 up.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt

THE PAPER HUNT held by the Cottage Club on Saturday was won by L. G. Perkins, who came home first on Restus.

The Rev. Samson-Strong was second on Gold Currency and Paul Calverara third on Mistral.

The hunt, which was led by Lieut. J. P. Gunner, was across grassy country over a distance of some eight miles.

ground to score from within the area.

Towards the end of the game, the Saints tried their hardest to reduce the arrears, but the good work of the Chinese defence kept them out. The Saints' wingers were sent away on many excursions but were weak in their partner shots. Further goals were scored by Lee Shek-yau and Chan Tak-fai to put South China seven up.

SAINT JOSEPH'S: Sammy Tsang; Hussain, Bowen; Castilho, Guy, Leonard; Roach, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes, Flanders.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sung; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.



Chan Tak-fai heading the ball into the St Joseph's goal during the South China-Saints semi-final Shield match yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

Cash Sweep Winners

Happy Valley Results

RACE 1
No. 3440 \$2,030.00
" 2331 800.00
" 705 404.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 5921, 1033, 3934, 1520, 2933, 2762, 1454, 6110, 1462.

RACE 2
No. 240 \$3,134.60
" 2565 105.60
" 4024 447.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 229, 299, 6377, 232, 6031, 5469.

RACE 3
No. 212 \$3,213.10
" 3977 946.60
" 7075 473.30
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4726, 6117, 5207, 5630, 5120, 3650, 5336, 2121.

RACE 4
No. 1005 \$3,377.50
" 1277 965.00
" 7332 402.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 337, 4443, 1037, 1553, 4132, 2742, 7194, 676, 3381, 6364.

RACE 5
No. 4066 \$3,462.20
" 5540 809.20
" 3817 404.60
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 7567, 1015, 2793, 5544, 5750, 625, 148, 4308, 3890.

RACE 6
No. 7490 \$3,581.00
" 6784 1,023.40
" 5189 311.70
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1677, 1029, 3560, 5667, 7174, 4247, 7209.

RACE 7
No. 666 \$3,590.60
" 1620 1,027.50
" 2510 513.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4002, 6400, 7530, 2974, 2391, 720, 2534, 5091.

RACE 8
No. 3666 \$3,690.00
" 2178 1,050.00
" 2510 513.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 7073, 4610, 1454, 7346, 2333, 4075, 6369, 1073.

RACE 9
No. 7620 \$7,212.90
" 4066 2,000.40
" 5310 1,944.70
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 2693, 1247, 4013, 2230, 6327, 5811, 5879.

Lucky Numbers At Fanling

RACE 1
No. 000 \$814.52
" 604 232.72
" 02 110.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 663, 894.

RACE 2
No. 1207 \$600.14
" 1508 173.18
" 393 86.59
Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): Nos. 824, 332, 110, 27, 465, 216, 675, 1108, 652.

RACE 3
No. 034 \$978.42
" 105 279.55
" 591 120.78
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 61, 805, 711, 363.

RACE 4
No. 5045 \$24,043.40
" 42964 7,120.71
" 4260 3,553.35
Unplaced ponies (\$404.21 each): Nos. 19170, 21705, 12416, 12230, 31037, 23010, 43340, 29213.

RACE 5
No. 260 \$1,094.01
" 820 150.29
" 012 150.29
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 590, 709, 220.

RACE 6
No. 170 \$1,050.55
" 208 300.10
" 208 150.09
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 336, 1114, 90, 334, 114.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

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Second Extra Race Meeting
Saturday, 29th March, 1941

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Softball

Wildcats Win Girls' League Pennant

V.R.C. Take Junior Honours

WILDCATS won the Girls' softball pennant at the Kowloon Football Club yesterday when, before a moderate crowd and in tropic heat, they beat the Canuckettes 9-7.

V.R.C. took honours in the Junior League, beating the Chung Hwa 16-3, and thus earning promotion into the first division next season.

Scores at a glance:

GIRLS			
Wahoos	13	Panthers	7
Wildcats	9	Canuckettes	7
MAJOR LEAGUE			
Cyclones	3	Chinese	9
Mohawks	10	Canucks	1
MINOR LEAGUE			
V.R.C.	16	Chung Hwa	3

Kowloon C.C. Beaten By Four Wickets

KOWLOON C.C., virtual champions of the senior League, were beaten by four wickets yesterday when they met an XI led by Dr I. T. Ride at the K.C.C.

Kowloon batted first and ran up the respectable total of 162, of which Dr I. T. Ride scored 72, and in reply Dr Ride's XI scored 168 for 6 wickets. K. J. Atwell scoring 63 not out and C. Logan 45.

Scores were:
Kowloon C.C.—162 (D.J.N. Anderson 72, R. J. Fenton 17, N. D. Lloyd 12, S. A. Gray 12, T. A. Madan 11, S. Mahmood 3, W. C. Hung 2-10, A. E. Perry 2-30).
Dr Ride's XI—168 for 6 (K. J. Atwell 63 not out, C. Logan 45, G. N. Gosano 19, H. Griffiths 12, A. E. Perry 12 not out, Anderson 3-50, Lloyd 2-30).

To-day's Tennis Programme

The following is the programme of matches in the Open Tennis Tournament to-day:

SINGLES
R. E. Guest v. Pang Oi-lam
G. Choa v. T. J. Gould

DOUBLES
J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith v. I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu.
Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher.

M. Parh and Shields Goodman v. Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip.

Small Units Knock-Out Competition

THE 5TH Anti-Aircraft Regiment, R.A., beat the R.A.O.C. in the semi-finals of the Small Units knock-out competition at Sookun-poo yesterday.

The Acks-Acks tallied 133, of which Lieut Clague was top-scorer with 31, but in reply, the R.A.O.C. completely collapsed before T. A.

Pearce, who took 8 for 30, and were all out for 71.

Scores were:
5th A.A.—13 (Lt Clague 31, Lt J. L. C. Pearce 27, Bdr Barsby 24, Biscock 5 for 52, Emberson 4 for 53).

R.A.O.C.—71 (Lt Cpl Pinder 27, A. Pearce 8 for 30).

Championship Badminton To-night

To-night's Championship badminton schedule is as follows:
AT KOWLOON C.C.

7 p.m.—Mixed Doubles, P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v. J. Odell and Miss J. Choa.

7.30 p.m.—Senior Singles, C. Au v. F. Koh.

8.15 p.m.—Men's Senior Doubles, S. Amphyannar and C.K. Cheah v. M. F. and Y. P. Yeung.

9 p.m.—Mixed Doubles, P. K. Hoi and Miss U. Khoo v. J. J. Remedios and Mrs Silva.

9.45 p.m.—Junior Singles, R. M. Lavalle v. Peter Lo.

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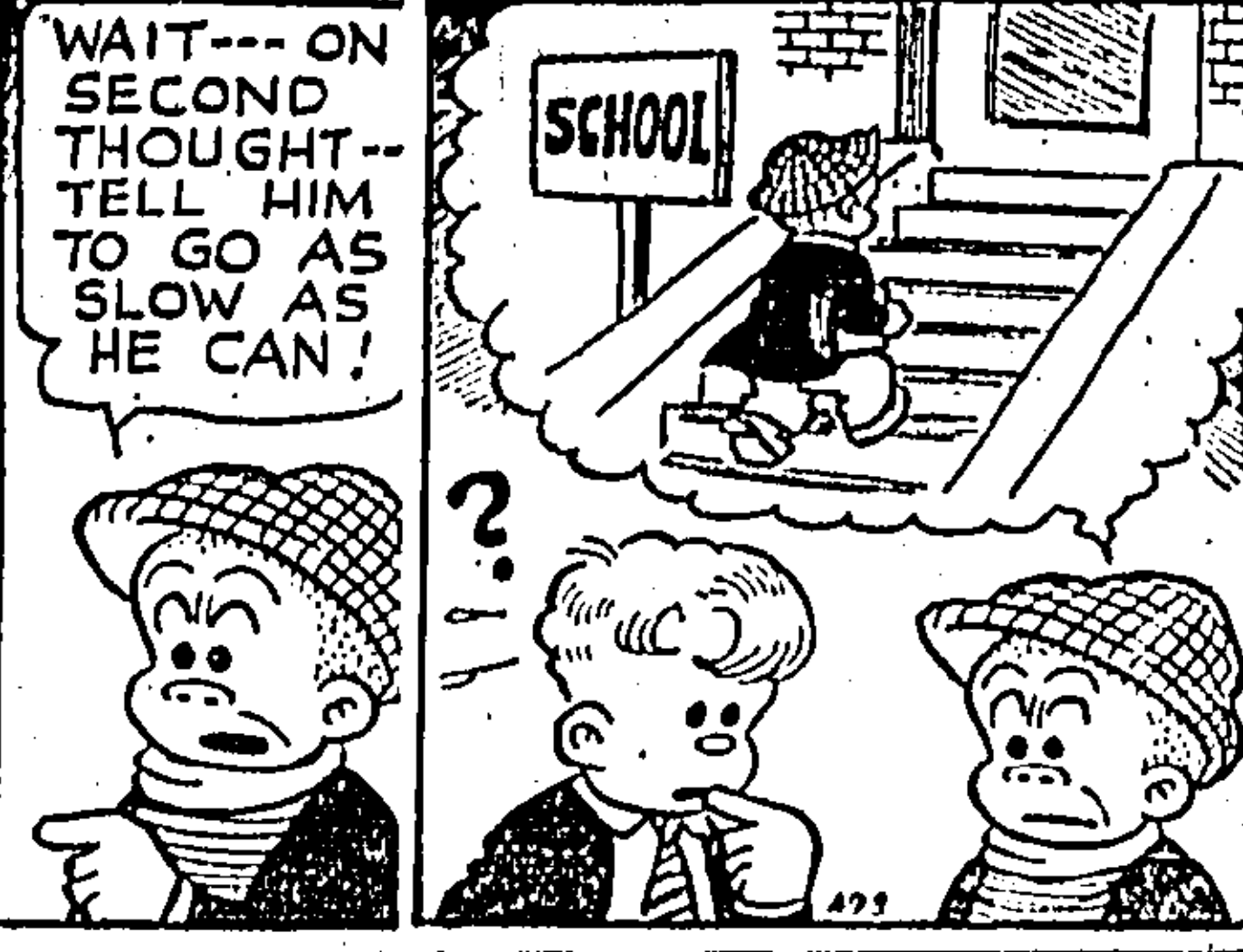
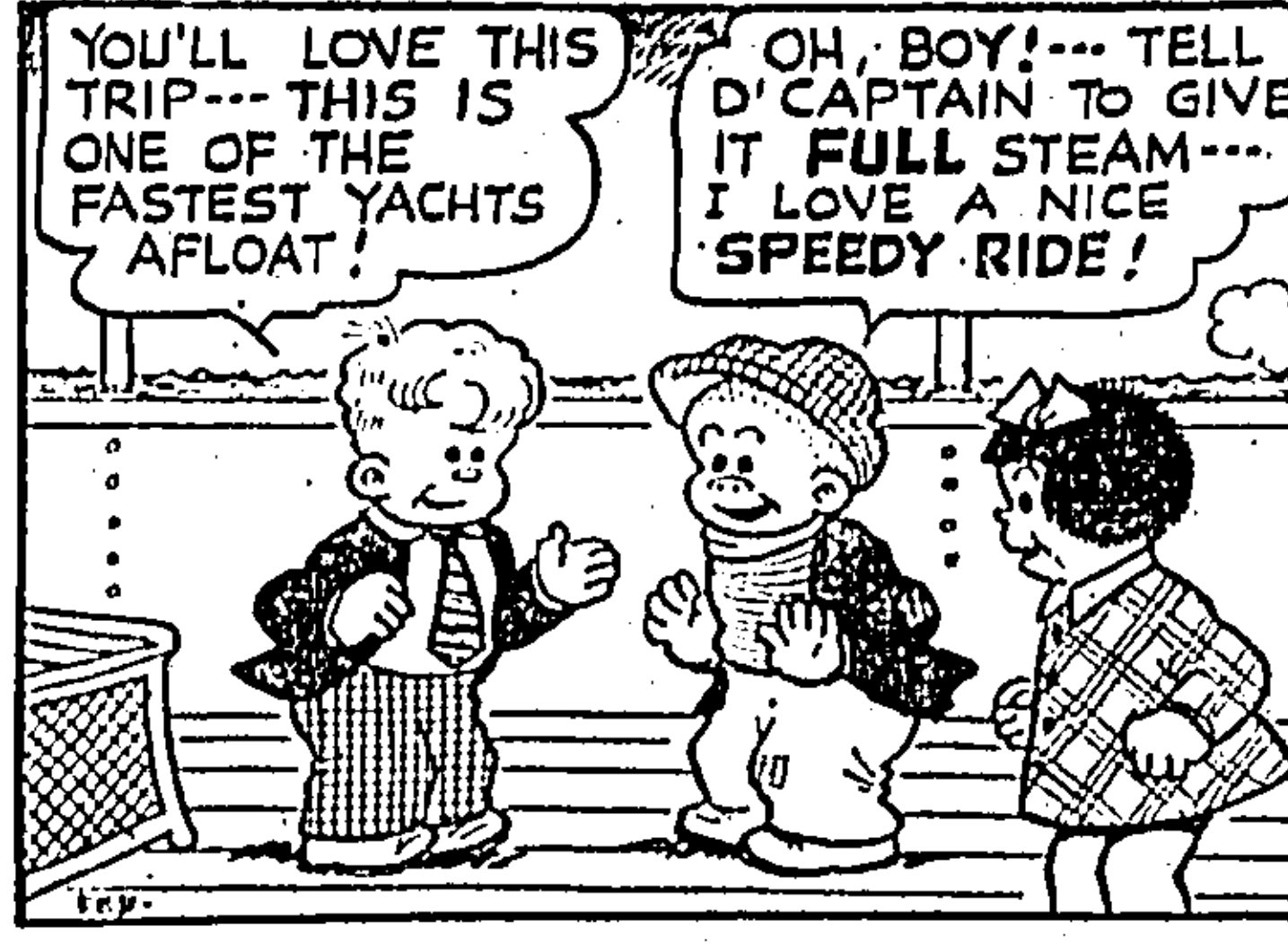
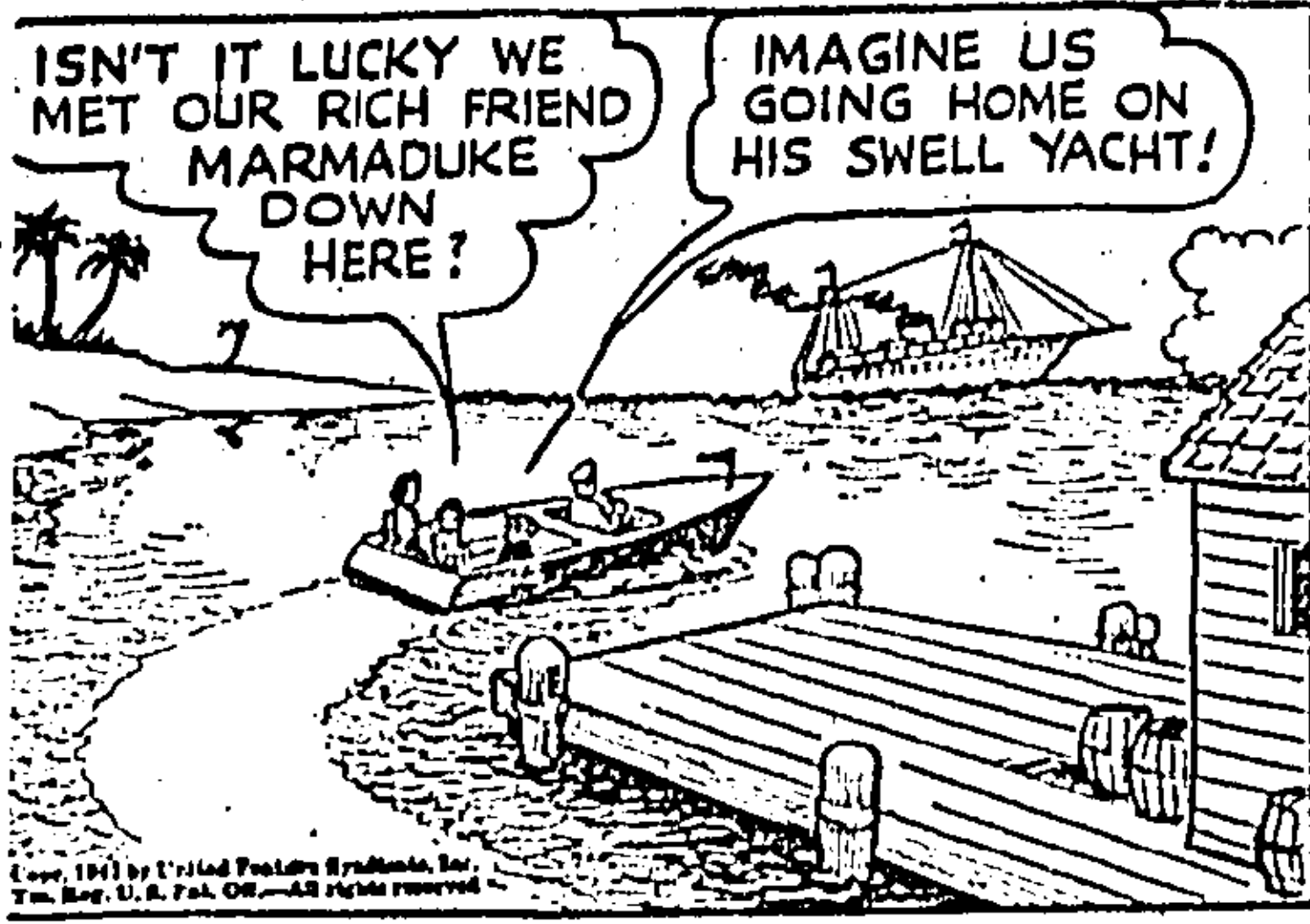


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Increase In Crime Due To Greater Population

There has been a rather big increase in serious crime and petty larcenies in 1940, compared with 1939, it was learned from the Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, on Saturday.

Mr Perdue stated that in 1940 the number of serious crimes was 15,216 as against 11,804 in 1939. The number of petty larcenies had also gone up considerably, but there had been a reduction in the number of out-rages or offences against persons with violence.

One of the reasons for the increase in petty larcenies, said Mr Perdue, was undoubtedly the increase in the population; another was that when the refugees first came to the Colony many of them had only a certain amount of money which lasted them for a short while, after which they had nothing to live on.

With a view to combatting the crime increase, an additional 150 Cantonese constables will be enrolled in April, but the other contingents of the Force will remain the same. One of the problems facing the Police Force at the moment, added Mr Perdue, was the difficulty of getting criminals and undesirable away from the Colony.

As regards the Police Reserve, Mr Perdue stated that the total strength now is about 125 short of the figure of 1,500 authorised by Government. Very good progress had been made by the Chinese Company, who had been allotted a strength of 1,000, but vacancies still existed in the Indian Company and Emergency Unit.

It is expected that the City Hall Library will soon be ready for the use of the Police Reserve as their headquarters. Some minor interior alterations will have to be made and

Shipping Magnate Passes On

London, Mar. 22. Sir Richard Holt, one of the most prominent figures in British and international shipping, died in Liverpool to-day at the age of 82. He was head of Alfred Holt & Co. (Blue Funnel Line), the Ocean Steamship Company and the China Mutual Steam Navigation Company.—Reuter Building.

Italian Fascist Dead

Budapest, Mar. 22. A report from Belgrade states that Signor Roberto Farinacci, of the Fascist Grand Council, fell in action to-day on the Albanian front.—United Press.

Pioneer in Australia

The death occurred on Saturday of an old Australian Chinese resident, Mr Ham C. Mow Dick, in his 80th year. The late Mr Ham emigrated to Australia sixty years ago from the Sze Yap district, returning to China some 12 years ago. He leaves a grown-up family of eight sons and a daughter, three grandsons and six grand-daughters. Two sons, Charles and William, are in Hongkong, while the rest of the children are in Australia.

These will take about a month. The car park adjoining the Library will not be affected.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says: Only a few transactions were recorded at quotations.

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H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 94
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H.K. Fire Ins. \$170
Indo-China (Pref.) \$80
Providents \$5.20
Hotels \$3.10
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Electric C. Rts \$39.80
Macao Electric "O" \$17.80
Macao Electric "N" \$10.80
Ropes \$7
Watsons \$11

Sellers
Ropes \$7.40
Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,340
Electric C. Rts. \$40.05
Telephones "O" \$24.30
Docks (Old) \$15.40 X.D.

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Japan's Fear of Soviet: Berlin Overtimed Pact

From a reliable personal source in Tokyo the "Straits Times" special correspondent in Washington learns that the recent Far Eastern tension was due to Berlin overtiming her attempt to negotiate a Japanese-Soviet non-aggression pact which would leave the Japanese free to proceed with their advance to the south.

The Japanese have been extremely timid towards this development pointing out that Stalin's promises are worthless and that, pact or no-pact, the Japanese dare not reduce their garrisons in Manchuria by a single man for fear of being double-crossed by Stalin.

Public Enemy No. 1

In support of this attitude the Japanese point out that any pact between the two countries would be no more than an empty political gesture implying no change of heart in Moscow which is admittedly still public Enemy No. 1 in the Japanese imagination.

Informed independent Japanese sources predict that the most which is considered likely is a minor trade pact between Tokyo and Moscow and declare that, at any rate for the time being, a major Japanese move to the south is improbable.

The only circumstances which it is thought would be likely to provoke a Japanese move is a substantial German victory in the battle against Great Britain in which case it is fear-

Bombshell?

It is possible that something definitely more important than a trade treaty is being prepared in Moscow and some would not be surprised if a pact "bombshell" is on the way. But for the reasons already stated, it is not felt that the Japanese will risk an Anglo-American war in the absence of a major crisis in the English Channel even if Hitler produces 50 pacts bearing Stalin's signature and offers to underwrite the whole bunch which development is quite possible within a month.

Cannibalism Case Reported

Due To High Rice Cost

A case of cannibalism is reported from Shao-shing, Chekiang, in the face of the ever-increasing prices of rice.

According to a report in the "North China Daily News," a Shaoshing resident in Shanghai received a letter from a relative reporting the tragedy. Two brothers are to stand trial.

The elder brother, aged 52, died in December 28 and was buried in a cheap coffin. A few days later, his two brothers were so hungry that they opened the coffin and cooked a meal.

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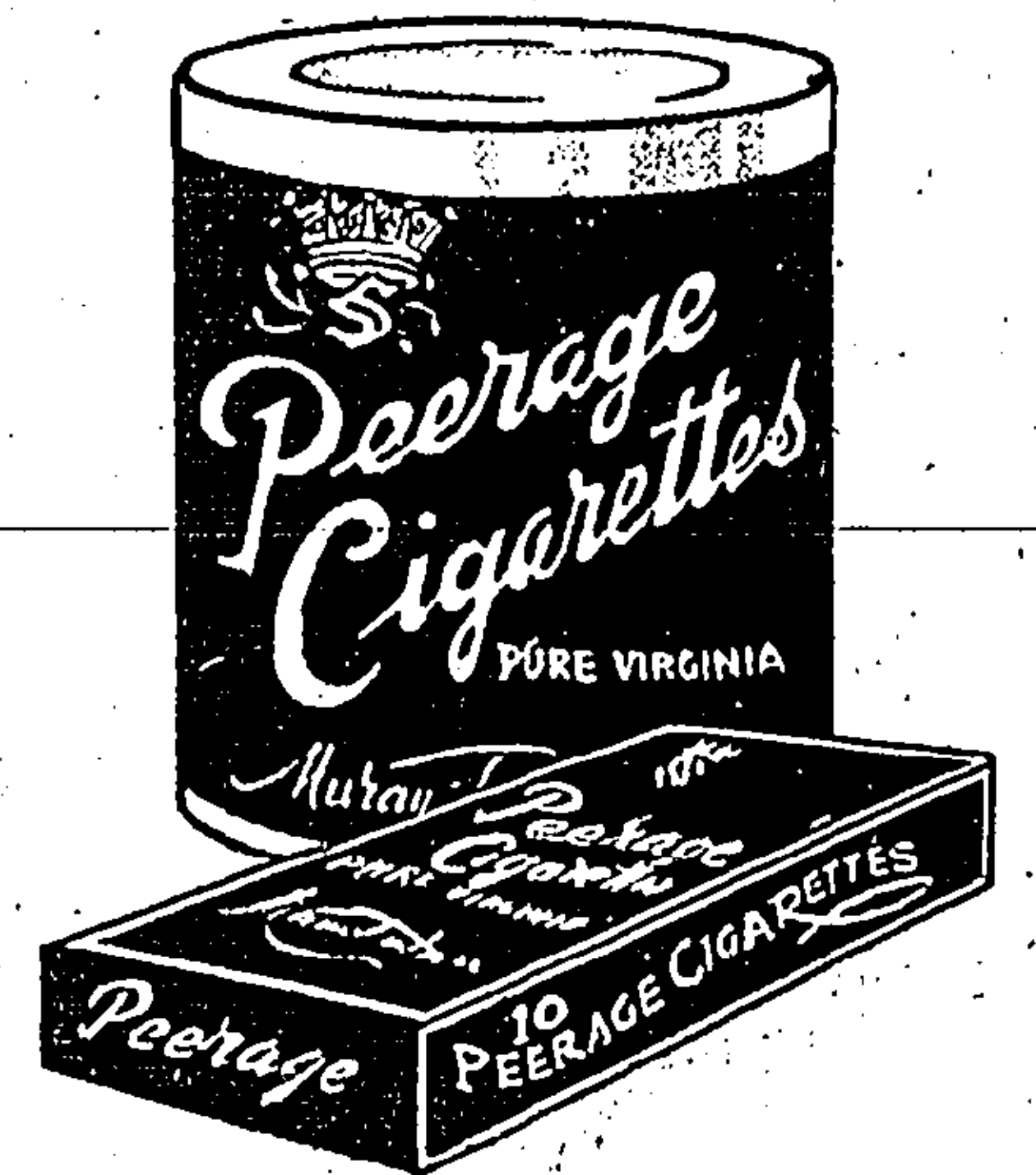
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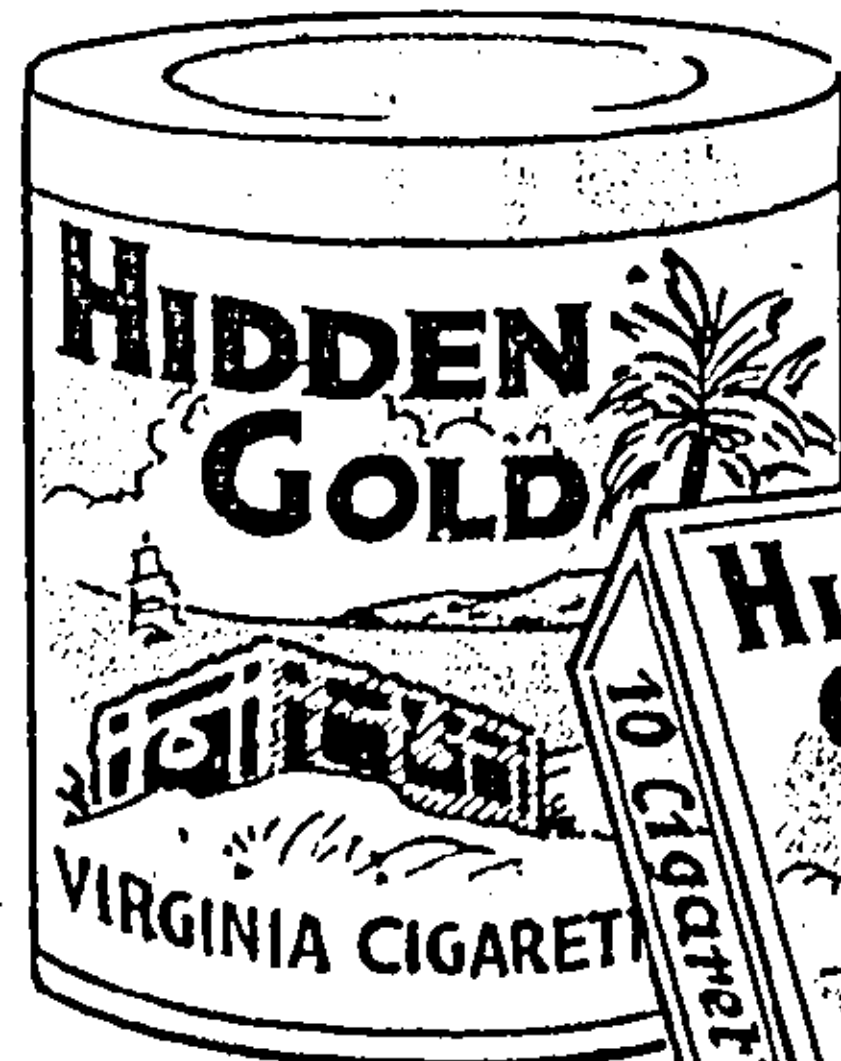
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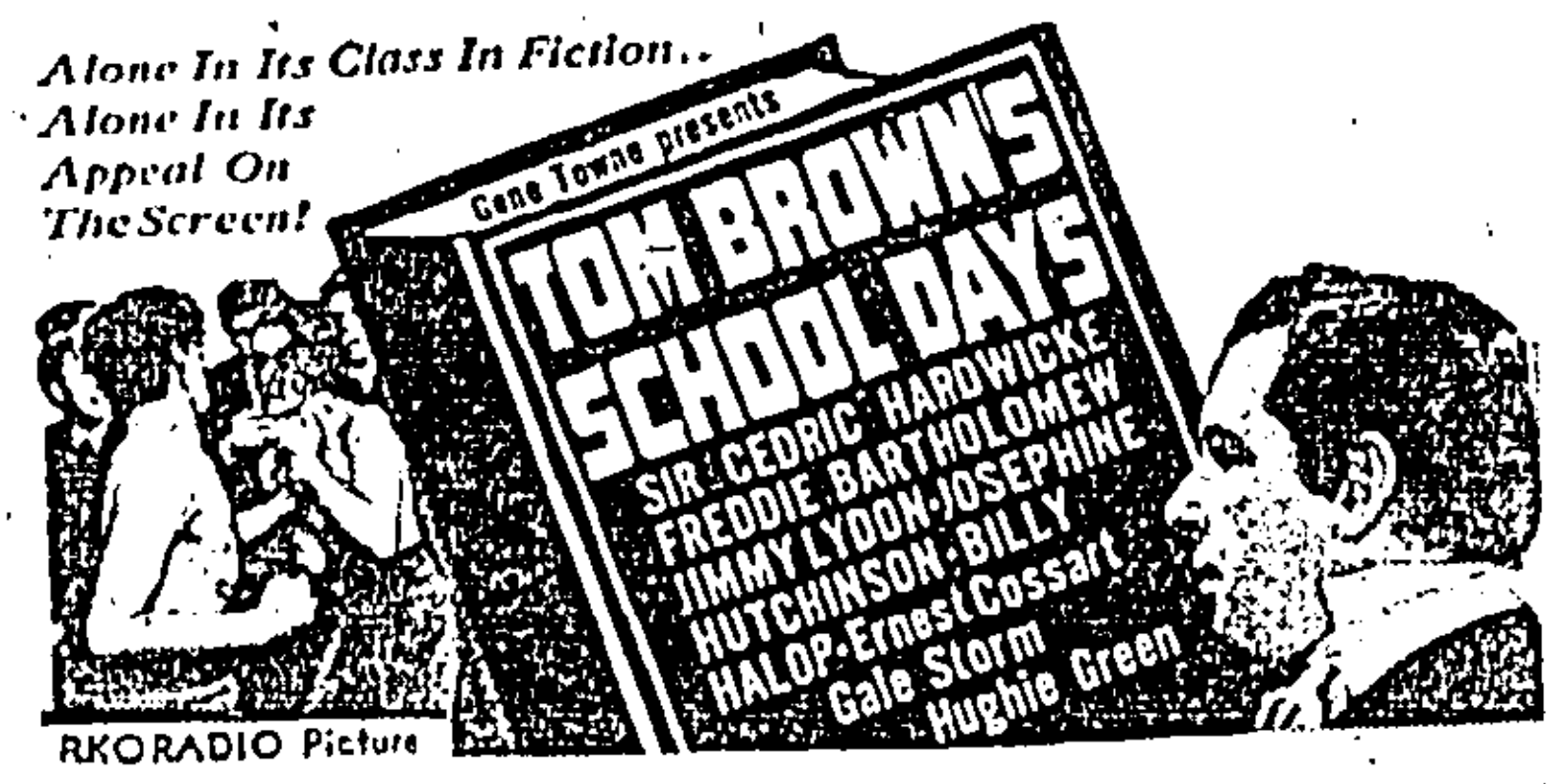


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Young Tassos was responsible for the rounding up of some Albanian spies in the service of Italy. They had been operating a radio set from a hotel room in Koritza.

The boy speaks with the utmost contempt of the fighting capacity of the Italians.

Now his mother has given him her blessing to return to the front after his leave.

Food For France From Africa

Supplies Go To Paris
LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuters).—A statement that both Occupied and Unoccupied France are to be supplied with fruit, vegetables and mutton from North Africa in increasing amounts is credited to M. Roch, Director of Vichy's Ministry of Supply, in an interview quoted by the official German news agency.

To facilitate the distribution, said M. Roch, the destination of the food would be determined before it left Algeria. One third of the supplies would go to Paris and the remainder to the rest of France.

The arrangement, he added, was the result of recent talks between Vichy and the Governments of Algeria, Morocco and Tunis.

Yugo-Slavia Crisis Continues

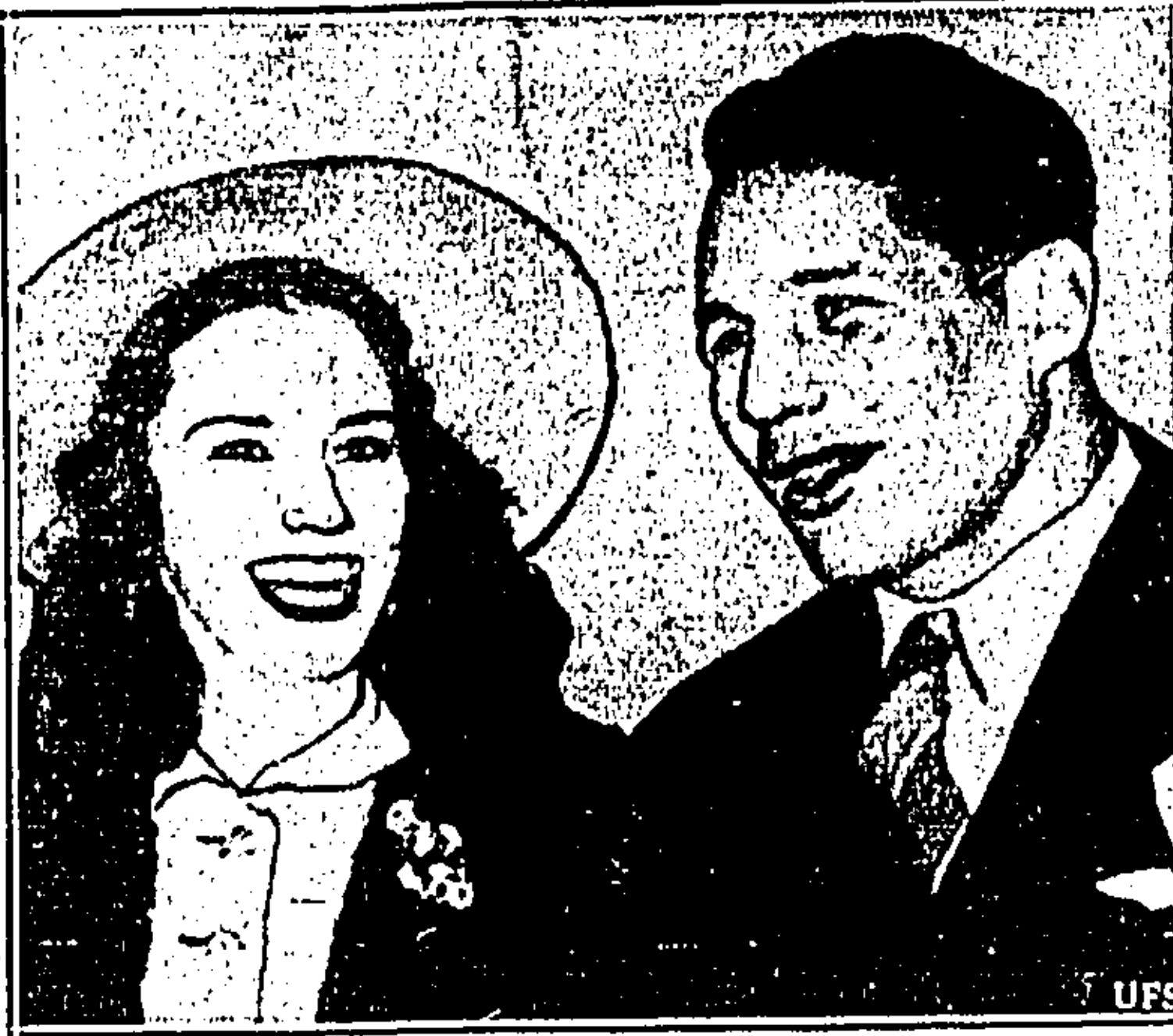
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and air support which Britain is giving to Greece, upon which Yugo-Slavia would also be able to call if attacked by Germany.

Hazards Due To Italy
The Yugo-Slav government must also have observed the signs of the growing conviction in Germany that the military hazards in the Balkans, are greatly increased by Italian difficulties in East Africa.

All these considerations suggest most clearly the course which is in her interest and those of her neighbours. The demand is for Yugo-Slavia to following the examples of Greece and Turkey and stand arm before German threats.

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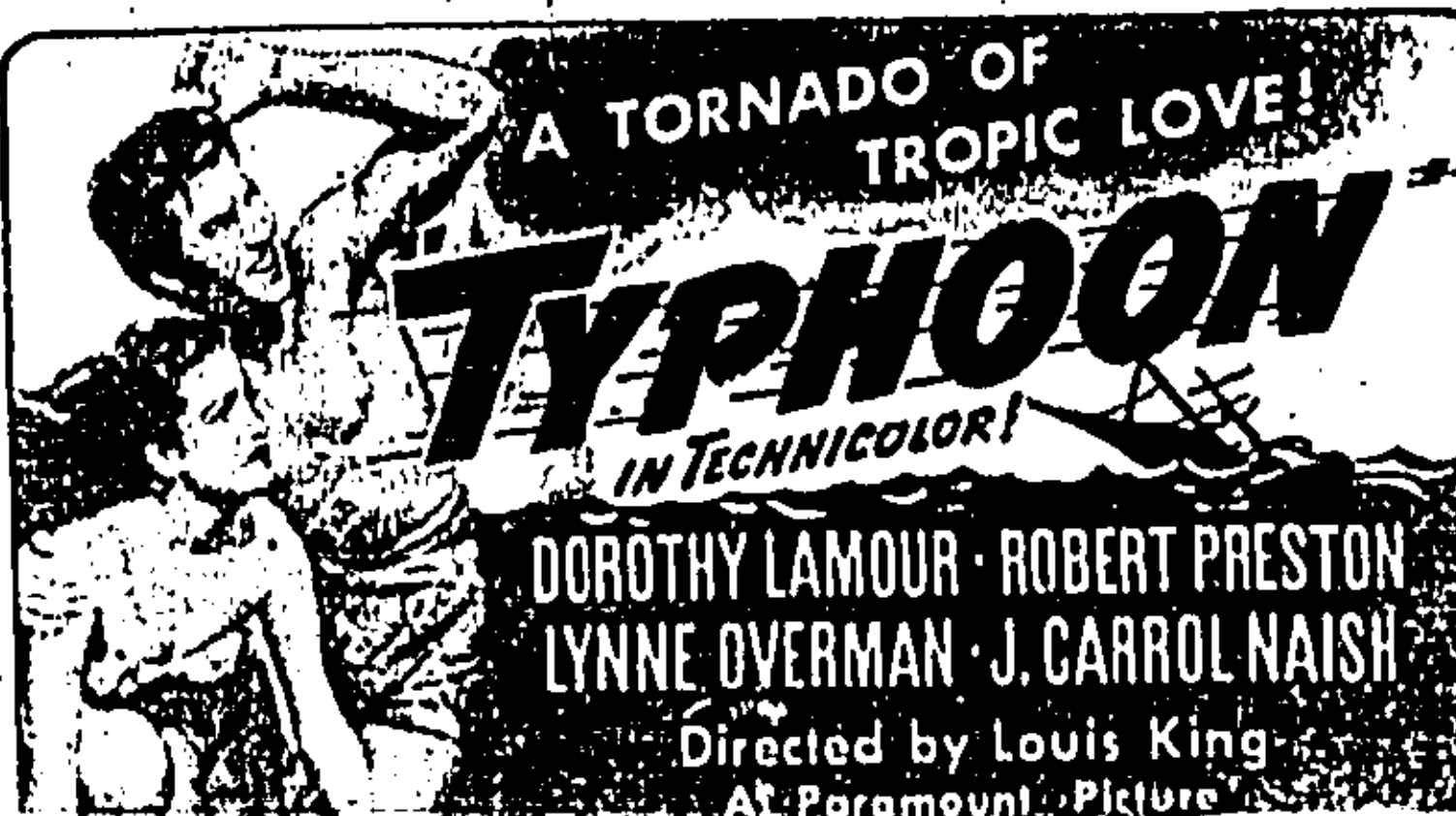
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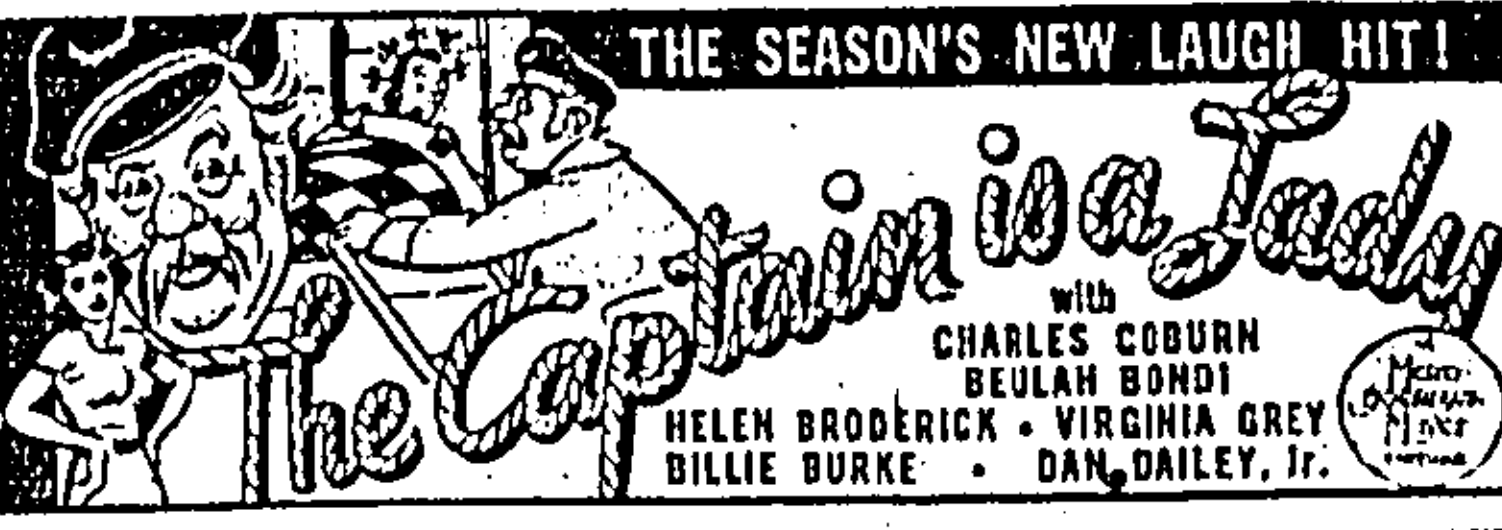
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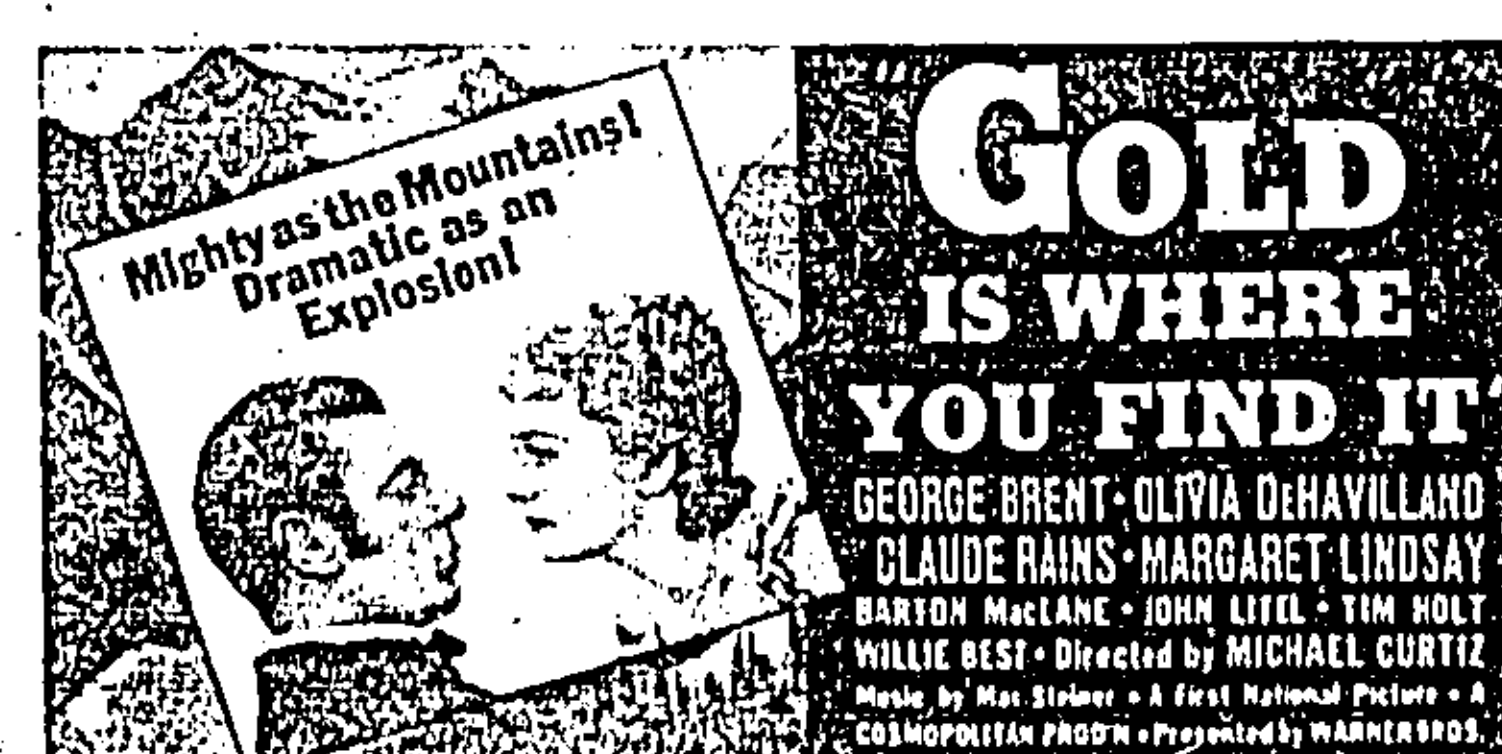


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MATSUOKA IN MOSCOW: REITERATES JAPAN'S ADHESION TO THE AXIS

MOSCOW, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Members of the diplomatic missions of all countries which have so far adhered to the Three-Power Pact met Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, at the station on his arrival here this afternoon en route to Berlin.

The Soviet Government was represented, among others, by M. Lozovsky, the Vice-Foreign Minister, and M. Parapkin, head of the Japanese Department of the Foreign Commissariat.

KUNMING LASHIO LINE

Immediate Action

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Mar. 23 (UP).—It is officially stated that in addition to Mr B. S. Fong, the Government is sending Mr Tu Chen-yuan, head of the Engineering Bureau to the United States to arrange technical details for the Kunming-Lashio railway.

The head of the Kunming-Lashio Railway Bureau, Mr Tu Chen-yuan and the Purchasing Manager of the same Bureau, Mr Chen Kai-yuan, both American trained railway engineers—the former at Cornell and the latter at the University of Illinois—have left for Hongkong to catch the Clipper for the United States in connection with the purchase of materials for the construction of the railway towards Burma.

Washington Interest
WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (UP).—Official day followed with interest in the press reports of the proposed railway paralleling the Burma Road between Kunming and Lashio and indicated their belief that such a railway would be an economically sound proposition if efficiently and properly constructed.

There is no corroboration of the Chungking report of United States TURN to Back Page, Column 3

ALBANIA: GREEKS Press

—Italians Dig In

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Following the failure of their big offensive, the Italians are now "digging themselves in" frantically on the Albanian front, according to statements by prisoners quoted by the Athens radio to-night.

Bewildered officers strive desperately to reorganise their scattered forces. Earthworks are hastily being thrown up along positions in front of Tepelini, to which they have been thrown back in disorder by the Greeks.

Meanwhile, fighting is now on a small scale though on both sides artillery is active.

S'HAH EXCHANGE London Reports Effect

SHANGHAI, Mar. 24 (Reuter).—The exchange market is disorganised as the result of a London item on March 21 to the effect that negotiations are proceeding to prevent sterling from feeding the Shanghai market, which is the remaining loophole in the sterling exchange control.

No rates are available at the opening of the dollar, nominally valued at 3 7/32.

Securities, gold-bars and commodities are generally sharply higher.

American Planes Reach Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 23 (UP).—The Ministry of Aircraft Production to-day revealed that it is now receiving deliveries of four-engined aircraft which are being flown from the United States. The Consolidated Liberator is the first type to arrive.

The German Ambassador, Count von Schulenburg, arrived late. He apologised to Mr Matsuoka in English.

Mr Matsuoka will pay a courtesy call on M. Molotov tomorrow and will leave for Berlin and Rome to-morrow night.

Japanese circles here indicate that he is expected to return via Moscow on April.

The crowd at the station platform had a long wait for the Japanese Foreign Minister's arrival, which was delayed two hours by a blizzard which has been blowing for the past two days.

No Special Object

MOSCOW, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Mr Matsuoka, said in an interview with the Press, "The fundamental interests of nations decide their policy in the long run but peace or war sometimes be decided by personal acquaintance."

He then recalled that he was invited during a telephone call from Herr von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, to visit the Axis capitals after signature of the tripartite pact last September. He mentioned that he had a lengthy conversation with Signor Mussolini eight years ago and also met Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, in Shanghai, but he had had no chance to make the acquaintance of the German leaders.

Mr Matsuoka said, "The foreign policy of Japan will revolve round the tripartite pact. It is natural for me as the Japanese Foreign Minister who helped to conclude the pact, to visit the German leaders. I have no particular aim in mind in coming to Europe. I may have a chance to make personal observation on the situation in western Europe and especially of the war now going on."

The Minister said he had no fixed itinerary but he did not want to be absent from Japan longer than six weeks. He had been shown every possible courtesy in Moscow and he would like on his way to stop at Moscow and see the Soviet leaders too.

Mr Matsuoka said that no tour of the western battlefields was yet included on his programme but he would like to see them if he had time.



Yugo-Slavia Crisis Continues: Officers' Indignation Meeting

BELGRADE, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—A meeting of the Federation of Reserve Officers of Yugo-Slavia yesterday unanimously passed a resolution protesting against any plan to "conclude an agreement not in harmony with our national honour and independence."

The protest has been sent to the Regent and the Premier. After passing the resolution, the officers broke up their meeting and declined to proceed to other business in order to emphasise their protest.

The latest message shows that the Reserve Officers did not dissuade their organisation but only broke off this meeting.

Crisis Still Acute

BELGRADE, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Yugo-Slavia's political crisis appears to be little nearer solution despite reports that the posts of the three Serb Ministers, who resigned on Friday as a protest against acceptance of the Nazi terms, have now been filled.

With a critical decision still in the balance, the visit of Yugo-Slav statesmen to Vienna still hangs fire though a special train was reported to be standing by during the week-end, ready to leave at a moment's notice if required.

Stoyadinovitch Leaves

BELGRADE, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—M. Stoyadinovitch, the former Yugo-Slav Premier who is now in British hands, received his passport at his own request and has left for Greece "at his own free will," declared the official Yugo-Slav news agency to-day.

Serbs As 'Brake'

ANKARA, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The Serbian element and army leaders in Yugo-Slavia will prevent widespread concessions to Germany, says the Turkish newspaper "Ulus" to-day. "The Ankara radio to-night broadcast the précis of a long 'Ulus' article on Yugo-Slavia, which was published in this newspaper. The article declares that while the resignation of three Yugo-Slav ministers indicates that the opposition to surrender has not been entirely successful, those in favour of concessions will not be allowed by the Serbian element and military leaders to go very far."

No Anti-Greek Base

"Ulus" says that it can be most strongly believed that the Yugo-Slav army would not permit Yugo-Slav territories to be an instrument in any plot against the Greek army.

The announcer concluded: "While German pressure continues on one hand, Yugo-Slav national resistance becomes all the more imminent—especially as the voice of the Yugo-Slav press is emphatic on the subject"

Growing R.A.F. Superiority

LONDON, Mar. 23 (British Wireless).—The growing R.A.F. superiority is shown in the results of air encounters in various theatres of war during the week ended at dawn on Saturday, March 22.

The figures are: Over and around Britain.—German losses, six; British losses, three (two pilots are safe).

Over enemy territory.—German losses, three; British, two.

In Middle East.—Axis losses, 23; Imperial losses, six (one pilot is safe). I.L.M. ships meanwhile destroyed one enemy aircraft during the week ended noon on Saturday, March 22.

Girls Behind The Guns

Special selected girls, members of the A.T.S. are playing a key part in the training of A.A. gunners. They are trained in the use of the Kine-Theodolite, which helps to correct errors in marksmanship. Here we see two of the girls busy on the Evalvator, an instrument for reading height and angles of target and shell bursts, from the developed film from the Kine-Theodolite.

Smashing Blows By R.A.F. In Italian E. Africa

CAIRO, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Intense aerial activity in Italian East Africa in support of the army operations is reported in an R.A.F. communique.

R.A.F. bombers and fighters have repeatedly attacked the enemy positions in the Keren area.

The railway station at Asmara was heavily attacked yesterday and during the raid British fighters engaged a number of Fiat fighters and shot down two in flames.

There other Fiat fighters were destroyed in the same area on the previous day by the same squadron.

WAY OPEN TO ADDIS ABABA

British Successes

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The importance of Neghelli, which has been captured, lies in the fact that it dominates the cross-roads leading north, east and west.

Imperial forces are now in position to strike due north in the direction of Addis Ababa about 275 miles away.

The country is low-lying and a truck running through the valleys would enable the British forces to make fairly unhampered progress, according to a military expert.

The fall of Neghelli is a particularly bitter blow to Marshal Graziani, who was given the title, Marquis of Neghelli, in recognition of his rapid advance when Italy invaded Abyssinia.

Trains Destroyed

South African Air Force bombers attacked trains on the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway, destroying at least one train which burned out after receiving a direct hit from a salvo of bombs.

R.A.F. bombers also machine-gunned trains at Afdera and Gota, and bombed and machine-gunned a large concentration of enemy transport on the road between Urso and Awash and enemy positions in the Marda Pass.

A large formation of enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, raided Malta yesterday but were chased out to sea by British fighters.

One British fighter was shot down by a Messerschmitt, which in turn was destroyed by another British aircraft.

Raids On N. France

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Coastal Command aircraft paid a visit to the French coast this morning, destroyed a German barracks block at the port of Quiberon, the submarine base in Brittany, and scored a direct hit on an enemy escort vessel near Brest.

No British aircraft is missing from these operations, adds the Air Ministry.

LATEST

REDUCTION OF KEREN CITY

—British Siege

KHARTUM, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Intensive patrol activity plays a large part in the British siege methods round Keren.

When a British patrol encountered an enemy force in the neighbourhood of one fort, they summoned artillery support. The British guns promptly opened fire, aided by which the British party inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and took 130 prisoners, all without loss to themselves.

An example of the courage and endurance of the Imperial troops is furnished by two Indian machine-gunners, who were lost on a mountain peak but when found by a British patrol 48 hours later, were still manning their post.

Prediction That U. S. Will Soon Enter War

TOKYO, Mar. 24 (Reuter).—A prediction that the United States will be entering the European war by June at the latest, possibly as early as next month, is made by the newspaper, "Yomiuri Shimbun," which asserts that escorting United States convoys with food and war supplies to Britain will be the fuse setting off American participation.

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Further Late News

Navy and Army Assist Plymouth's Homeless

By R. H. PERCY
Special to the "Telegraph"

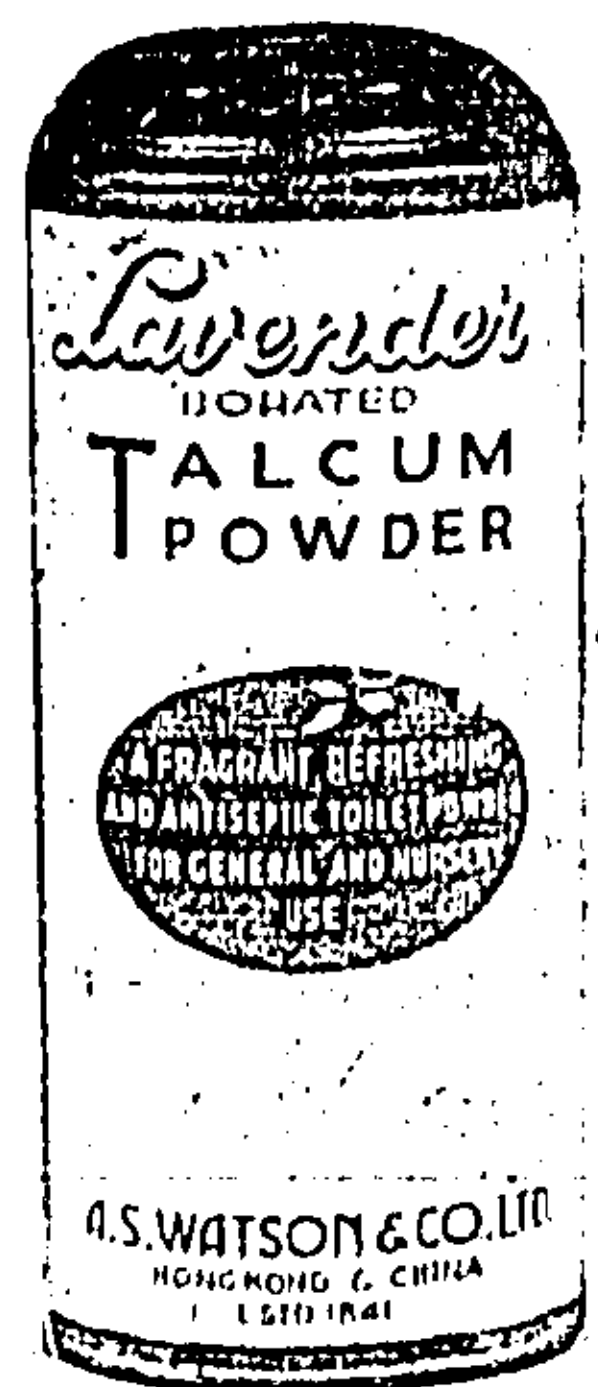
PLYMOUTH, Mar. 23 (UP).—The historic kinship between the naval forces and the citizens of Plymouth was made manifest to-day when the navy opened its own stores to supply the town-folk with emergency rations and arranged to feed a large number of the homeless people.

Unwilling to be outdone, the military authorities provided a number of cooking stoves which enabled the homeless to enjoy a Sunday dinner.

Civilian authorities sent supplies of butter, tea, margarine and bread, so that the situation is not acute.

Sailors and troops joined in the demolition and rescue work which has proceeded for 60 hours unceasingly since the city was first blitzed. They continue to uncover bodies of the dead who were buried beneath debris, while documents and other valuables were saved. Unsafe buildings are being destroyed.

A number of children under ten years of age were killed when a bomb TURN to Back Page, Column 3



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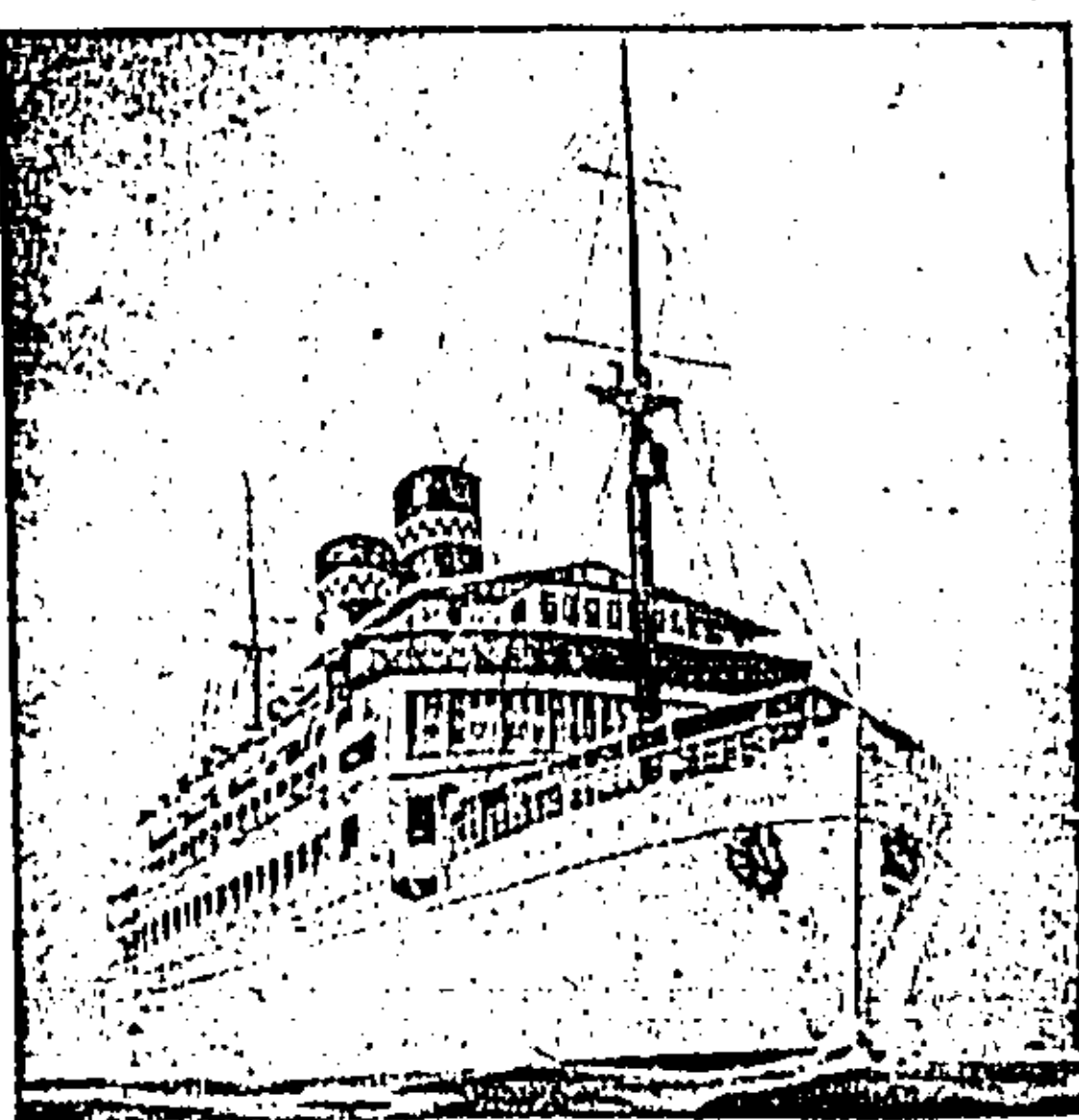
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CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE

NOT for nine months has there been such a feeling of security in the Far East. Rumours and reports have died away. Indo-China and Thailand are at peace. Momentary as it may be, the Far East enjoys a lull in which one can look around and survey the possibilities of the future. Is this a lull before a storm or has indecision and uncertainty crippled Axis action?

It is now said that Mr Matsuo's pilgrimage to Europe was forced upon him by the powerful ruling clique in Tokyo. It is not likely that he would leave the capital on the eve of action so that his absence promises to be a period of rest. When he returns from learning at first hand the sincerity and scope of Axis adventures and the part Japan is to play in them there will be another period of digestion and determination and time saved is a battle won for democracy.

A factor which is gaining recognition is that Tokyo is not so compliant to Hitler's wishes as was generally assumed. It may be that Hitler hopes to sway the Japanese Foreign Minister where his Nazi minions in Tokyo have failed. There are several other possible subjects for the agenda. For instance, Hitler may hope to induce Japan to take a role equivalent to America's non-belligerent support of Britain. However, this is scarcely likely since it would mean that Japan was giving up her own dreams of independent expansion and basing her entire future on a German victory in Europe and faith in German fulfilment of a promised *quid pro quo*. It would also leave Japan denuded of her major defences, a state of affairs which the Japanese could have viewed with equanimity only in her days of friendship with Britain and America. Another possibility is the "leasing" to Germany of some of the Pacific mandated islands administered by Japan in the proximity of Australia. The breach of law that this would entail would probably not be insuperable, such is the value of treaties to-day, but although the Germans could fortify a raiding base on these islands and operate a Pacific fleet from them the enterprise would be desperate and short-lived.

It appears that Japanese caution is to the fore to-day and if Hitler expects armed intervention by Tokyo on his behalf he is likely to be disappointed, so long as Britain maintains herself strongly in Europe and the Mediterranean.

An Article For All Thinking Men And Women By The Headmaster Of Rugby

The New School Tie

By Hugh Lyon

IF public schools are worth preserving then it is a matter of common justice that their advantages should be open to all who can make proper use of them.

We are told public schools are in Queer Street. After the last war they were saved by the vast army of those who had made money out of the war, and whose first use of it was often to send their sons to public schools.

This was so marked a feature of the post-war years that not only did the old schools fill up again, but there were several new foundations.

And once those profiteers had got their own sons within the walls they were the first to raise an outcry against the gates being opened wider.

Such a thing must not and will not happen again.

State Support

A SECOND possibility is that public schools should slowly disappear; fade out from a scene where they have outlived their usefulness.

If they have indeed outlived their usefulness, then clearly this is what ought to happen. But I suggest that it is possible that they yet have a part to play.

Public schools should long ago have thrown their gates wide to boys of all classes. The obstacle has been not so much prejudice or conservatism but simply economic.

In the present state of society, these schools can only continue if they have a large income. They are expensive institutions (most good things are), and have only been kept going by the fees paid by comparatively wealthy parents.

Even those schools which are endowed spend their endowments upon making it possible for boys to come to the school who cannot offer the full fee.

THE UPKEEP AND RUNNING OF THE SCHOOL HAS DEPENDENT ALMOST ENTIRELY ON MONEY COMING FROM OUTSIDE.

Clearly, the only source from which this money can come is the State.

Fine Training

GOVERNMENTS economise in education first of all; they would, it is true, economise first in literature and the arts, but as they spend no money at all on these things, they cannot economise on them.

But if they could shake off this habit of economy then it might be possible for them to send hundreds of children of all classes to boarding schools in the coming years.

Certainly, headmasters would welcome such a scheme, though it has been suggested they would not.

I cannot imagine why people should think that it is more fun teaching the stupid son of a rich man than the clever son of a poor one.

But if the State is to send boys to boarding schools it will only do so if the country as a whole is convinced that these schools have something to offer which cannot be had at the day school, where the ordinary subjects of education are taught just as well and much more cheaply.

I suggest that there are two most important sides of education for which the boarding school is particularly suitable.

First of these is the training in community life and service.

In the boarding school community, where a boy can live for some time undisturbed by the differing claims of home life, he can be trained as nowhere else for the life of service to his country which awaits him.

Secondly, I believe it is in them above all that boys can receive all that is meant by the term religious education. These schools should not be "leader schools," the term is now suspect, but they should be schools which fit men to lead.

Religious education is, of course, more than religious instruction. Instruction in the facts and doctrines of religion is badly needed and inadequately supplied.

I believe there is a growing improvement in this matter; in particular we are now no longer afraid to teach dogma.

But more important than this is the religious atmosphere of the school as a whole. It is here that humanism falls lamentably short of the mark.

Those of us who have in the past relied too much upon the code of ethics and a religious atmosphere have to confess with shame and distress that we have not fed the hungry sheep who looked up to us.

Youth At War

I HAVE heard the complaint among many young men going out to this war that when the test comes they find they have little or nothing at the centre of their lives, that they lack that firm faith which should be at the foundation of all they do.

And it makes some difference to a man when he is put to the test whether what he has to cling on to is simply an old school tie or the Cross of Christ.

In this religious education, teachers bear a heavy responsibility; and not just as teachers but as the leading members of their small community.

It is not in our more formal moments, when we are on show or deliberately trying for effect, that our influence spreads.

It is when we are being ourselves, in our unguarded words and deeds, it is then that our influence affects those under our care. It is by what we say or do then that they will decide by what star we are steering; and since in their ignorance many of them admire and imitate us, they will steer by the same star themselves.

This is not a thought which is a comfortable or happy one to those of us who teach.

Here it is, I believe, that training colleges can help those who are learning their trade.

Still more helpful is the influence of a real Christian, whether he be a religious specialist or not, among the members of the staff.

We shall not be fulfilling the ideals of our founders, or our duty to the State, till every boy has been so instructed in his religion that sooner or later he is brought to his knees crying: "Oh, the depth and the riches both of the knowledge and of the wisdom of God"; and until, by virtue of his religious education, he has gone out as a missionary into a pagan world.



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Chapter Four

The Manderley Masquerade Ball had been famous over the entire County, and in London as well, as one of the greatest social events of the season. Beatrice had spoken of it to Maxim, I knew, urging him to hold it once again, to his credit, to me of it. It was as though Rebecca couldn't compare.

"You know that?" I murmured. "You knew that she wore it and yet you de- liberately suggested that I wear it?" She looked at me, her eyes wide, and I went on, over- whelmingly, "That was the honeycomb. It's a man, recreant even to Maxim, when I told him, the same as others, isn't he?" She laughed gaily with me. "I was sketched," she said, "laughed contemptuously. 'But when he put a medieval costume in my room one day, when Mrs. Danvers appeared with some crumpled sketches in her hand; she said, 'Did I intend throwing them away? I told her what they were for. 'Would you consider it imperative that I should wear a medieval costume?' He said, 'I'm very grateful to you.'"

"The night of the Ball finally came, and I could hear the first gay sounds of the arriving guests as Clarice helped me with my costume. I knew I looked quite beautiful in it, and could not bear to wait until I should be able to go down- stairs, and to Maxim. Beatrice knocked on my door, asking to brush her hair, enter to see what I looked like; but I laughingly refused to let her in. I could almost see her disappointed face, through the door."

"At last, I was ready, and ran down the hall to the top of the grand staircase. As we had prearranged, I caught the eye of the orchestra leader, and he began to play a roll of the drums as I descended. I could hear Maxim's laughter above the rest. How pleased he would be with me! I came to the last step, and called to him: 'How do you do, Mr. de Winter?'"

"He turned, his smile faded, and, in anticipation. Then it ended, suddenly, inexplicably. He eyed me slowly, from top to toe, and his face took on a look of the deepest anger."

"What the devil do you think you're doing?" he said, fiercely. "You and Gilles stood staring. Beatrice's hand flew to her mouth, and her eyes widened. 'It's—the picture—the one in the gallery.' I managed to say, 'What is it?'"

"What have I done?" "Go and take it off!" he thundered. "It doesn't matter what else you put on—any- thing will do!"

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(To be continued—tomorrow).

Two Nazi Bombers down: Success for A.A. Guns

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The destruction of two enemy bombers over Britain to-day is confirmed by an Air Ministry communique which records that there was little enemy activity over this country during the day.

Single aircraft are reported to have dropped bombs near the Channel coast and at a point in northern Scotland. Little damage and few casualties were caused.

One of two German raiders who were attempting to bomb a ship at anchor in North Scotland had its tail shot off by anti-aircraft guns and crashed in flames.

Another German bomber was shot down by British fighters in south England.

A number of German planes approached a south-west England town this morning but were driven off by heavy gunfire.

Many people coming from a church watched while the battle was in progress.

Over At Night
LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—For the second successive night, enemy raiders were reported over Britain after darkness to-night.

'WARE EIRE If England Falls Irish Lose Their Freedom

BOSTON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The "Boston Post" reports that Senator Joseph P. Mahoney, in a speech to the Boston Chamber of Commerce, said: "If England falls, there will be no freedom for the people of Ireland nor for the people of Ireland. It will be necessary for the people of America to assume for ten generations the burden of armament so that the dictators shall not be permitted to strike down the liberties and institutions which Irishmen everywhere revere."

Bulgarians On Rations

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Butter, vegetable oils and lard will be rationed in Bulgaria next week and cards for that purpose will be issued to the population, states a Sofia report quoted by the Moscow radio.

A shortage of foodstuffs, the radio adds, is now noticeable in the Bulgarian capital where beef is almost unobtainable and the sale of bread is rigorously restricted.

Australia-China

CHUNGKING, Mar. 24 (Reuter).—An announcement is expected very soon that China and Australia have decided on normal diplomatic relations with an exchange of Ministers, says the "China Times," which adds that such a step would strengthen the friendly relations and commercial ties between the two countries.

U. S. Press Plea

Win The War, Effort

ATLANTA, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The "Atlanta Constitution" states: "This country is to-day at war against the Axis Powers." We are emphatically furnishing arms to the warriors and are thereby as much a part of the war effort as the workers in the arms factories of Britain herself.

"This nation is not likely to enter the war as an active belligerent."

The "Florida Tribune" says: "Now that we are in the war, since March 15, it is urgent that everybody exert the utmost help to win it. The words of the President have put the Dictators on notice that we are going to do everything we can to help beat them—and that is a declaration of war in any language."

Desperate Hitler
NEW YORK, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The "Charlotte Observer" says: "Hitler knows that the world knows and that his own people know that something has gone wrong; that he has not been winning the war according to schedule; that Great Britain has thwarted his purposes in the British Isles and Africa, and that the Greeks have sorely disappointed him in the south-east."

"A large part of the world knows and some of his own people may know that for the last several months he has been acting like a desperate man of thwarted purpose who could not decide which way to turn next."

Cajoling Of Hollanders

Loyalty To Reich
BERLIN, Mar. 23 (UP).—The "Deutsche Zeitung" in Neidermanden to-day publishes an article urging the Netherlands authorities to show loyalty to the German army of occupation.

It said, "A Dutch official's authority emanates from the German authorities, and he is obliged to be loyal towards them."

Appealing to the Dutch people to cease thinking of the past, the article says: "The Dutch people should recognise the task they have to fulfil. It will depend upon the solution of these problems whether or not the Dutch people will be received as full members of the community about to be formed amongst the European peoples."

HINT OF AGGRESSIVE SPAIN

Pep Talk On
Usual Lines

MADRID, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Spain's ability to retain a neutral position in the present war was yesterday given special emphasis in the first official Spanish reference to foreign policy since the passing of the American Lend Lease Bill.

The Under-Secretary of the Press and Propaganda Ministry, Senor Antonio Tovar, who accompanied the Foreign Secretary, Senor Serrano Suner, to Germany and Italy recently, said: "The serious risks are inherent in our geographical position. We cannot live unarmed or unwatchful."

Wants To Emerge

Senor Tovar added that Spain to-day wanted to emerge from centuries of retirement.

Hitler's present actions recalled those of Napoleon but Senor Tovar was a scourge for those who had reduced Spain to a third-class power—France and England.

Organising New Zealand For War

WELLINGTON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—As a result of the activities of the delegation from New Zealand to the Eastern Group Conference at New Delhi, a group of British technicians has examined the industrial possibilities of New Zealand with a view to assisting the Empire war effort in the defence of the Dominion.

These experts are reporting their findings to the British Government who will in due course establish a programme for fulfilment by New Zealand.

Every week sees greater development in the country's war effort. A number of engineering firms are producing war material of all kinds. Government workshops are busy making Bren gun carriers and trench mortars. The output of small arms and ammunition will shortly be doubled to meet the requirements of New Zealand's armed forces.

War material for the navy is also in an advanced stage of production. Minesweepers are being constructed at Auckland to meet the immediate requirements of the navy.

Joe Louis Extended By Abe Simon

DETROIT, Mar. 22 (UP).—Joe Louis, the heavyweight boxing champion, successfully defended his title to-night by a technical knock-out over big Abe Simon, of New York, in the 13th round of their scheduled 15-round fight in the Olympia Auditorium.

Simon, who is known as "Man Mountain," astounded the boxing world by lasting so long against the "invincible" negro. He provided Louis' most serious opponent since the night the latter was knocked out by Max Baer.

The bout was watched by 10,000 flabbergasted fans—a record indoor crowd for Detroit. Simon was floored twice in the 13th round, was on the canvas twice earlier in the fight and at another time went half-way through the ropes.

This is the fifteenth time Louis has successfully defended his title.

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$.....1,340 sa.
H.K. Banks £.....74 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....77 n.
Chartered £.....83 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & D. £.....21 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. £.....10 1/2 n.
East Asia \$.....70 b.

INSURANCES
Cantons \$.....220 b.
Union \$.....425 b.
H.K. Underwriters \$.....1 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....170 b.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$.....135 n.
Steamboats \$.....9 n.
Indo-Chinas P. \$.....80 b.
Indo-Chinas D. \$.....60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-.....41 1/3 n.
Waterboats \$.....7 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....94 n.
Docks (old) \$.....10 1/2 b. & sa.
Docks (new) \$.....15.85 b.
Providents \$.....5 1/4 b.
Shai Dockyards \$.....20 n.

MINING
Kailan s/-.....15/- n.
Rauls s.x.d.10 1/2 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....1 1/4 ets. n.

LANDS
Hotels \$.....3.10 b.
Lands s.x.d.31 1/2 b.
Lands 4% Debentures07 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$.....11.90 n.
Humphreys \$.....0.70 b.
H.K. Realities s.x.d.2.05 b.
Chinese Estates \$.....100 n.

UTILITIES
Trams \$.....16 1/2 b.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$.....54 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)6.20 b.
China Lights (new)1.97 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric s.c.r.39.90 b.
Macao Electric (old) \$.....17.80 b.
Sundakan Lights \$.....12 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....24.30 b. & sa.
Telephones (new)9 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cold. Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....30 n.
Cold. Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$.....25 n.
Canton Ices \$.....1 n.
Cement \$.....17 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes s.x.d.7.40 s.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms \$.....18 n.
Watsons \$.....11 b.
Lane Crawfords \$.....2.15 n.
Sinceres \$......39 n.
Wing Fong (H.K.) \$.....1.90 n.
Powell Ltd. \$......45 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh \$.....185 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$......97 n.
H.K. Govt. 4%94 b.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)94 b.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1935)42 n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 GSBds7 b.
H.K. Entertainments \$.....1.60 n.
Constructions (old) \$.....1 n.
Constructions (new) \$.....7.20 n.
Vibro Piling s.x.d.6/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-2/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-2/6 n.

CHINESE BESIEGING KAOAN

To Retake City
From Enemy

SHANGKAO, Mar. 23 (Central News).—The Chinese counter-attack in northern Kiangsi is progressing satisfactorily.

Violent fighting is raging in the outskirts of Kaoan where the Japanese are being subjected to vigorous attacks. Following the recovery of Hwefow and other strategic points near Kaoan on March 20, the Chinese are laying siege to the city itself. Indicative of the severe nature of the fighting in which more than 6,000 Japanese troops are participating, enemy casualties are estimated at 1,000 dead. The Chinese have also captured many prisoners and large stores of ammunition.

Trapped In Boats

Under the cover of darkness on the night of March 19 a large Japanese contingent attempted to steal a march across the river Kan in Chinese boats and steam launches to attack Pengcheng. When halfway across the river, they were shelled by Chinese shore batteries on the opposite bank and many of the vessels were sunk with all the men and munitions on board.

More than 500 Japanese were killed and numerous prisoners were taken following a severe engagement on March 20 near Shengchen on the southern bank of the Chin River. The Chinese also seized war booty including machine-guns and more than 200 rifles. They are continuing attacks on the city.

Food For France From Africa

Supplies Go To Paris
LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—A statement that both Occupied and Unoccupied France are to be supplied with fruit, vegetables and mutation from North Africa in increasing amounts is credited to M. Roch, Director of Vichy's Ministry of Supply, in an interview quoted by the official German news agency.

To facilitate the distribution, said M. Roch, the destination of the food would be determined before it left Algiers. One third of the supplies would go to Paris and the remainder to the rest of France.

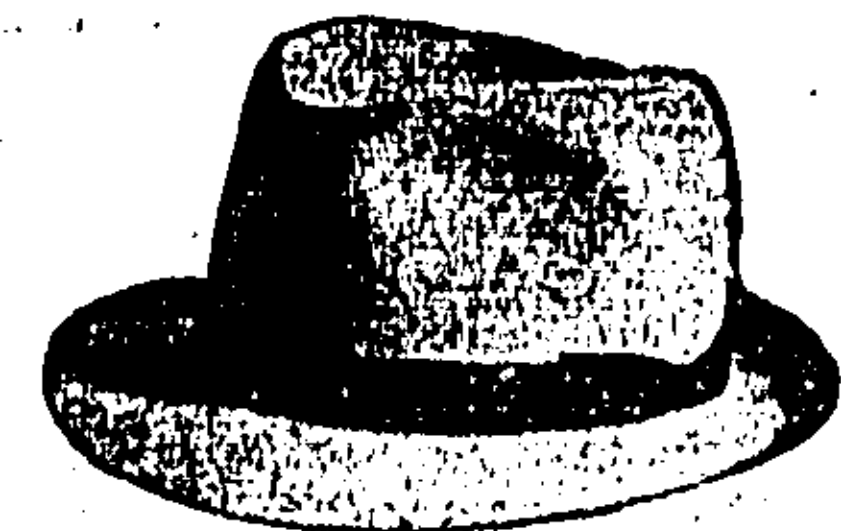
The arrangement, he added, was the result of recent talks between Vichy and the Governments of Algeria, Morocco and Tunis.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 23 (UP).—It is learned from authoritative sources that the arrangement which Mr. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, announced last Saturday regarding the sending of two shipments of flour to unoccupied France does not indicate any intention on the part of the British to relax the blockade. However, the discussions are probably continuing over a wider field.

Japanese Athletic Headquarters

TOKYO, Mar. 23 (Domei).—Named after the late Dr. Seichi Kishi, "Father of Japanese Athletics," the two-storeyed Kishi Memorial Hall was opened here on Saturday. It will serve as headquarters of the Japan Athletic Federation.

The ceremony opened with the formal carrying in of the Japanese flag, which was donated by Col. Prince Yasuhiro Chichibu, the Federation Patron. Officiating at the ceremony was Mr. Ichi Kishi, Section Chief of the Information Board, who is a son of the late Dr. Kishi.



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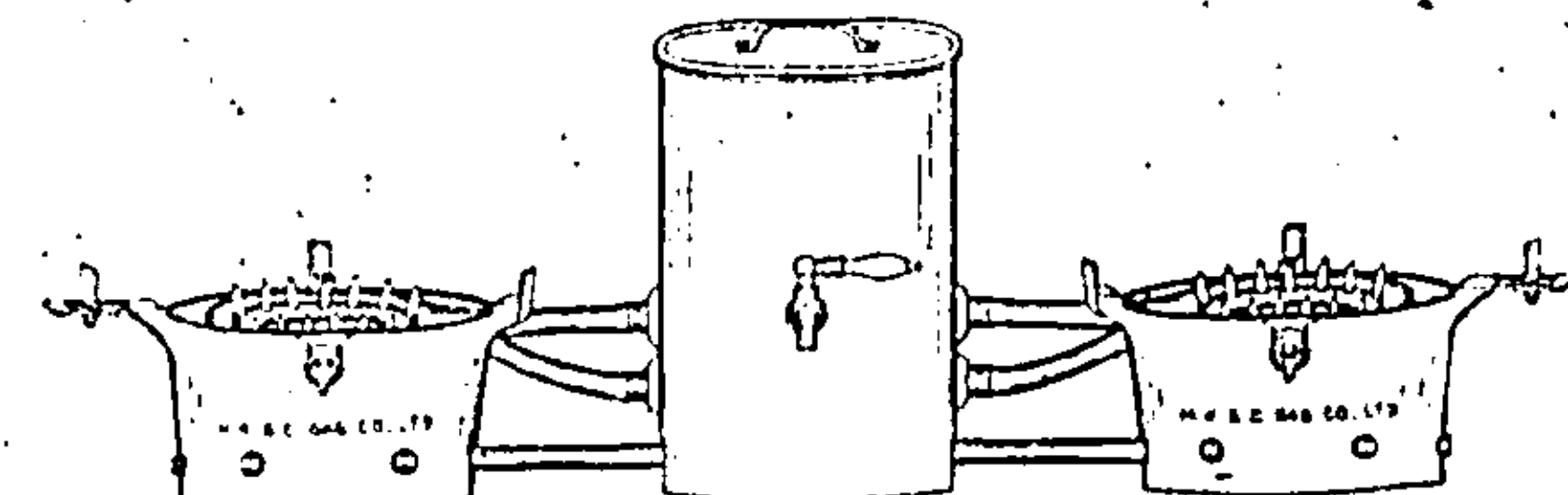
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

South China Favoured For Shield Final

St Joseph's Trounced 7-1 In Causeway Bay Semi-Final

(By "SCRAMBLER")

SOUTH CHINA ENTERED THE FINAL of the Senior Shield yesterday at the expense of St Joseph's College whom they trounced at Causeway Bay by seven goals to one. They were far superior in every department of the game, and with the exception of the first few minutes, they subjected the Saints' goal to continuous raids.

Upper Hand Throughout

South China were better able to play as a combination, whereas the Saints were very loose in attack. The form displayed by the winners augurs well for their match against the Navy, and it was their exhibition of team play in the second half that kept spectators' interest alive. From the start they had the Saints well under control, and were always masters of the situation.

But for the fine work put in by Hussain, Bowen, Guy and Leonard in the defence, the losers would have gone down still heavier, as it was their robust and untiring efforts that stopped South China from scoring on many occasions. Hussain and Bowen formed a steady pair of backs, and because of the work neglected by their wing halves, they were called upon to perform extra duties, which were executed to their credit.

Guy worked tirelessly throughout, but found the close passing game of the winners much too fast for him. He used his head to good advantage, and his long passes to his wing halves were not accepted by the latter on numerous occasions. Both Leonard and Castillo worked hard, the former was seen in many a tussle against the crafty Chinese inside trier, but both were prone to leave their respective wingers too much unmarked.

In attack, the Saints lacked cohesion. There were far too many individual efforts seen, the wingers were deplorably weak, and Roach on the extreme right was more of a passenger than a player throughout. Santos was the best of the inside trio, and put in his usual share of work. MacDonald was hard working, but was unable to combine with his men. Gomes worked unobtrusively throughout.

Usual Form

As usual, South China played well as a team, and it would be hard to single out any individual for special mention. The backs were sound and steady, positioning themselves well, while the middle line were always ready to lend a hand both in attack and defence. The good work put in by the intermediate trio, often had the Saints' attack on the wrong foot. The attacking five were in deadly form, each one having a share in the goals scored. They combined well and were able to offset the robust

tackling of Saints' defenders by alternating their play with long and short passes.

Lee Wai-tong led them well, and it was again the crafty Chow Man-chi who held the eye with his clever footwork. Chan Tak-fai was a great opportunist and both wingers, Lee Tak-kee and Lee Shek-yau, were seen to good advantage with their fast runs down the side lines, and many good centres.

Early Lead

THE SAINTS obtained an early lead when Guy converted from the "spot-kick" for hands against Tse Kuan-hung after three minutes' play. After this, South China went into the attack, and only the keen anticipation of Sammy Tsang saved them from going down. With pressure being kept up, South China attacked, and Guy was penalised for handling in the area. Lee Wai-tong made no mistake from the resultant kick.

South China were definitely on the ascendancy after this. The Saints attacked loosely, and rarely were they able to get within shooting distance. South China took the lead when Chan Tak-fai sent in a fast grounder about forty yards out that had Sammy Tsang beaten all the way. Soon after, Lee Wai-tong again scored from the "spot-kick" for hands against Hussain.

Only S. China

Sammy Tsang was called upon to save from Lee Wai-tong from a free kick outside the area and after the interval there was only South China in the picture, who indulged in a series of well executed movements in one of which Lee Shek-yau centred across nicely for Chow Man-chi to crash the ball into the net.

Both Tam Kwan-hon and Sammy Tsang came into the scenes with well timed saves, and both keepers were in fine form and played up well. With the Saints' defence concentrating on Lee Wai-tong, the centre forward slipped the ball to the unmarked Lee Tak-kee who made no mistake with a fast

Golf

A.A. Lopes Wins Country Club Championship

TAKING his second successive championship title at the Country Club, A. A. Lopes beat A. W. Ramsey at the 37th hole in the 36-holes final yesterday.

Lopes was down 2, after being 1 up at the 18th, but Ramsey took the last two holes in par figures to even the match for 36 holes. He badly topped his drive for the 37th, while Lopes went down in par 4 to win.

On Saturday, Ramsey eliminated R. E. Lee 2 and 1 in the semi-finals.

Mixed Foursomes

Two matches were played in the Mixed Foursomes. The results were: T. Y. C. Lee and A. Williams beat H. A. Alves and Mrs. Leo D'Almada 3 and 2. J. B. Mackie and Miss M. C. Churn beat A. R. Pina and Miss A. Sequeira 1 up.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt

THE PAPER HUNT held by the Cottage Club on Saturday was won by L. G. Perkins, who came home first on Restus.

The Rev. S. Samson-Strong was second on Gold Currency and Paul Calverton third on Mistral.

The hunt, which was led by Lieut J. P. Gunner, was across grassy country over a distance of some eight miles.

Towards the end of the game, the Saints tried their hardest to reduce the arrears, but the good work of the Chinese defence kept them out. The Saints' wingers were sent away on many occasions but were weak in their parting shots. Further goals were scored by Lee Shek-yau and Chan Tak-fai to put South China seven up.

SAINT JOSEPH'S: Sammy Tsang, Hussain, Bowen, Castillo, Guy, Leonard, Roach, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes, Flanders.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-hon, Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kuan-hung, Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.



Chan Tak-fai heading the ball into the St Joseph's goal during the South China-Saints semi-final Shield match yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

Cash Sweep Winners

Happy Valley Results

RACE 1
No. 3448 \$2,320.00
" 2831 608.00
" 763 403.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4043, 5021, 1853, 3034, 1320, 2953, 2702, 1454, 6110, 1402.

RACE 2
No. 240 \$3,134.60
" 2563 695.60
" 4254 447.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2352, 229, 299, 6377, 232, 6031, 5400.

RACE 3
No. 212 \$3,313.10
" 7070 946.60
" 7070 473.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 128, 4729, 6117, 6207, 5090, 6120, 3650, 9350, 2121.

RACE 4
No. 1085 \$3,377.50
" 1277 905.60
" 7352 482.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 357, 4445, 1037, 1553, 4132, 2742, 7191, 676, 3301, 5364.

RACE 5
No. 4666 \$3,402.20
" 2540 600.20
" 3817 494.60
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 7607, 1015, 2703, 5944, 5760, 625, 148, 4309, 5890.

RACE 6
No. 1496 \$3,581.00
" 6784 1,023.40
" 5183 611.30
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1677, 1029, 3926, 3607, 7174, 4247, 7202.

RACE 7
No. 666 \$3,596.60
" 1020 1,037.60
" 2510 913.60
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4052, 6466, 7538, 2974, 2391, 726, 2334, 5991.

RACE 8
No. 3698 \$3,690.00
" 2178 1,030.00
" 4081 528.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 7073, 4010, 1454, 7349, 2353, 4078, 6305, 1073.

RACE 9
No. 7028 \$7,312.80
" 4864 2,080.40
" 5310 1,044.70
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 2093, 1247, 4013, 2230, 6327, 5811, 5872.

Lucky Numbers At Fanling

RACE 1
No. 688 \$614.52
" 609 232.72
" 92 116.30
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 060, 024, 228.

RACE 2
No. 1207 \$666.14
" 2503 173.10
" 293 66.50
Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): Nos. 024, 339, 110, 27, 463, 216, 675, 1188, 652.

RACE 3
No. 634 \$978.42
" 103 712.71
" 591 132.70
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 01, 803, 711, 105.

RACE 4
No. 5043 \$2,943.40
" 4269 712.71
Unplaced ponies (\$40.12 each): Nos. 1070, 2170, 12416, 15239, 51037, 23916, 45340, 29213.

RACE 5
No. 260 \$1,094.01
" 029 312.50
" 013 156.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 596, 702, 228.

RACE 6
No. 170 \$1,050.55
" 203 309.16
" 97 150.08
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 350, 1114, 90, 354, 114.

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THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 p.m. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Wildcats Win Girls' League Pennant

V.R.C. Take Junior Honours

WILDCATS won the Girls' softball pennant at the Kowloon Football Club yesterday when, before a moderate crowd and in tropic heat, they beat the Canuckettes 9-7.

V.R.C. took honours in the Junior League, beating the Chung Hwa 16-3, and thus earning promotion into the first division next season.

Scores at a glance:

GIRLS

Wildcats	13	Panthers	7
Canuckettes	9	Canuckettes	7

MAJOR LEAGUE

Cyclones	3	Chinese	0
Mohawks	10	Canucks	1

MINOR LEAGUE

V.R.C.	16	Chung Hwa	3
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Kowloon C.C. Beaten By Four Wickets

KOWLOON C.C., virtual champions of the senior League, were beaten by four wickets yesterday when they met an XI led by Dr. L. T. Hilde at the K.C.C.

Kowloon batted first and ran up the respectable total of 162, of which Dr. J. N. Anderson scored 72, and in reply Dr. Hilde's XI scored 166 for 6 wickets, K. J. Atwell scoring 63 not out and C. Logan 45.

Scores were:
Kowloon C.C.—162 (Dr. J. N. Anderson 72, R. J. Fenton 17, M. D. Lloyd 12, S. A. Gray 12, T. A. Madar 11, S. Mahmood 3-67, L. T. Hilde 2-10, A. E. Perry 2-30).
Dr. Hilde's XI—166 for 6 (K. J. Atwell 63 not out, C. Logan 45, G. N. Gosano 19, R. H. Griffiths 12, A. E. Perry 12 not out, Anderson 3-59, Lloyd 2-50).

This slight lead they maintained to the end. It was in the fourth frame that they clinched the issue when four further runs were scored, and though Canuckettes came back with two in the fifth, and three in the seventh (the last inning) Wildcats secured one more run in the sixth, and did not bat the last inning.

Junior Runt

V.R.C. routed Chung Hwa 16-3. Jack Brown clouted a circuit hit with bases loaded in the fifth. Chung Hwa scored 1-1-1 in the first three innings, but thereafter faded from the picture. V.R.C.'s scoring sequence was 4-1-3-1-4-0-X.

To-day's Tennis Programme

The following is the programme of matches in the Open Tennis Tournament to-day:

SINGLES

R. E. Guest v. Pang Oi-lam
G. Chon v. T. J. Gould

DOUBLES

J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith v. I. M. A. Ruzick and A. R. Minu. Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher.
M. Pugh and Shields Goodman v. Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip.

Small Units Knock-Out Competition

THE 5TH Anti-Aircraft Regiment, R.A., beat the R.A.O.C. in the semi-finals of the Small Units knock-out competition at Soekun-poo yesterday.

The Acks-Acks totalled 133, of which Lieut Clague was top-scorer with 31, but in reply, the R.A.O.C. completely collapsed before T. A.

Pearce, who took 8 for 30, and were all out for 71.

Scores were:
5th A.A.—13 (Lt Clague 31, Lt J. L. C. Pearce 27, Bdr Barsby 24, Bockock 5 for 52, Emberson 4 for 53).

R.A.O.C.—71 (Lt Col Pinder 27, T. A. Pearce 8 for 30).

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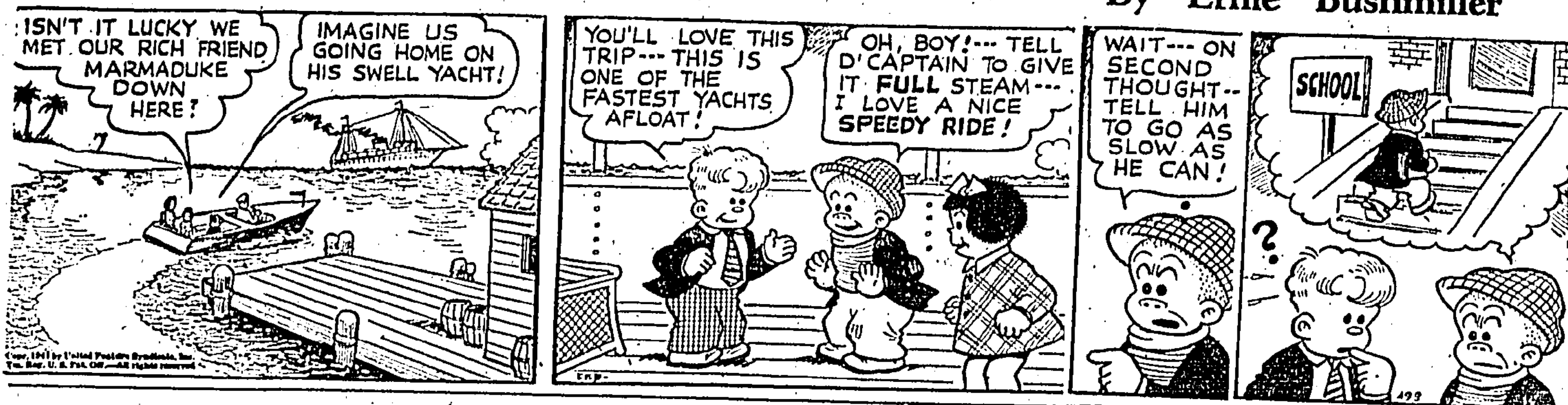
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Increase In Crime Due To Greater Population

There has been a rather big increase in serious crime and petty larcenies in 1940, compared with 1939, it was learned from the Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, on Saturday.

Mr Perdue stated that in 1940 the number of serious crimes was 15,210 as against 11,804 in 1939. The number of petty larcenies had also gone up considerably, but there had been a reduction in the number of outrages or offences against persons with violence.

One of the reasons for the increase in petty larcenies, said Mr Perdue, was undoubtedly the increase in the population; another was that when the refugees first came to the Colony many of them had only a certain amount of money which lasted them for a short while, after which they had nothing to live on.

With a view to combatting the crime increase, an additional 150 Cantonese constables will be enrolled in April, but the other contingents of the Force will remain the same. One of the problems facing the Police Force at the moment, added Mr Perdue, was the difficulty of getting criminals and undesirable away from the Colony.

As regards the Police Reserve, Mr Perdue stated that the total strength now is about 125 short of the figure of 1,500 authorised by Government. Very good progress had been made by the Chinese Company, who had been allotted a strength of 1,000, but vacancies still existed in the Indian Company and Emergency Unit.

It is expected that the City Hall Library will soon be ready for the use of the Police Reserve as their headquarters. Some minor interior alterations will have to be made and

Shipping Magnate Passes On

London, Mar. 22. Sir Richard Holt, one of the most prominent figures in British and international shipping, died in Liverpool to-day at the age of 82. He was head of Alfred Holt & Co. (Blue Funnel Line), the Ocean Steamship Company and the China Mutual Steam Navigation Company. Reuter Bulletin.

Italian Fascist Dead

Budapest, Mar. 22. A report from Belgrade states that Signor Roberto Farinacci, of the Fascist Grand Council, fell in action to-day on the Albanian front. United Press.

Pioneer in Australia

The death occurred on Saturday of an old Australian Chinese resident, Mr Ham C. Mow Dick, in his 80th year. The late Mr Ham emigrated to Australia sixty years ago from the Sze Yap district, returning to China some 12 years ago. He leaves a grown-up family of eight sons and a daughter, three grandsons and six grand-daughters. Two sons, Charles and William, are in Hongkong, while the rest of the children are in Australia.

These will take about a month. The car park adjoining the Library will not be affected.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Office Summary, issued Saturday says: Only a few transactions were recorded at quotations.

Buyers	
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 04	
Bank of East Asia \$70	
Canton Ins. \$217	
Union Ins. \$425	
H.K. Fire Ins. \$170	
Indo-China (Pref.) \$80	
Providents \$5.20	
Hotels \$31.10	
Landis \$31.75	
Humbreys \$6.70	
Realities \$2.05	
Chinese Estates \$100	
Trans \$16.25	
Lights "O" \$6.20	
Electric C. Rts \$39.00	
Macao Electric "O" \$17.80	
Macao Electric "N" \$16.80	
Ropes \$7	
Watsons \$11	
Sellers	
Ropes \$7.40	
Sales	
H.K. Banks \$1,340	
Electric C. Rts. \$40.05	
Telephones "O" \$24.30	
Docks (Old) \$16.40 X.D.	

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WAR FUND

A total of \$1,743,495.00 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations: Sale of Scrap (tenth donation) \$10 P. S. S. Chicken Feed (weekly donation) 17 The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the Relief of Air Raid Victims: Sale of Glasgow Flourish \$30; Proceeds from Sale of home-made jam and pickles (Mr G. H. Piery) \$20. The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Emergency Refugee Council: Sympathisers (first donation) \$10.

Japan's Fear of Soviet: Berlin Overtimed Pact

From a reliable personal source in Tokyo the "Strait Times" special correspondent in Washington learns that the recent Far Eastern tension was due to Berlin overtiming her attempt to negotiate a Japanese-Soviet non-aggression pact which would leave the Japanese free to proceed with their advance to the south.

The Japanese have been extremely timid towards this development pointing out that Stalin's promises are worthless and that, pact or no pact, the Japanese dare not reduce their garrisons in Manchuria by a single man for fear of being double-crossed by Stalin.

Public Enemy No. 1

In support of this attitude the Japanese point out that any pact between the two countries would be no more than an empty political gesture implying no change of heart in Moscow which is admittedly still public Enemy No. 1 in the Japanese imagination.

Informed independent Japanese sources predict that the most which is considered likely is a minor trade pact between Tokyo and Moscow and declare that, at any rate for the time being, a major Japanese move to the south is improbable.

The only circumstances which it is thought would be likely to provoke a Japanese move is a substantial German victory in the battle against Great Britain in which case it is fear-

Bombshell?

It is possible that something definitely more important than a trade treaty is being prepared in Moscow and some would not be surprised if a pact "bombshell" is on the way. But for the reasons already stated, it is not felt that the Japanese will risk an Anglo-American war in the absence of a major crisis in the English Channel even if Hitler produces 50 pacts bearing Stalin's signature and offers to underwrite the whole bunch which development is quite possible within a month.

Cannibalism Case Reported

Due To High Rice Cost

A case of cannibalism is reported from Shao-shing, Chedang, in the face of the ever-increasing prices of rice.

According to a report in the "North China Daily News," a Shao-shing resident in Shanghai received a letter from a relative reporting the tragedy. Two brothers are to stand trial.

The elder brother, aged 52, died in December 28 and was buried in a cheap coffin. A few days later, his two brothers were so hungry that they opened the coffin and cooked a meal.

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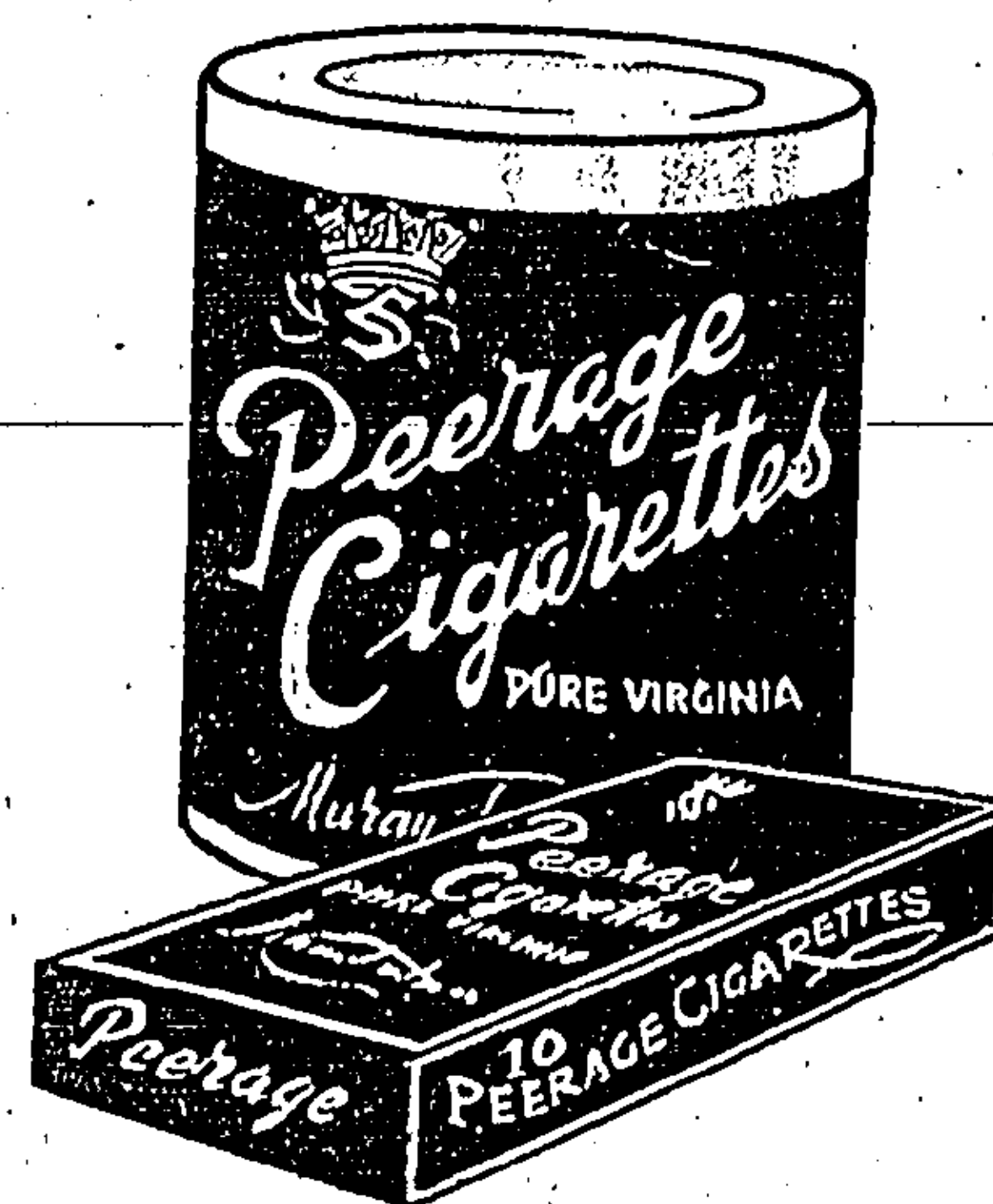
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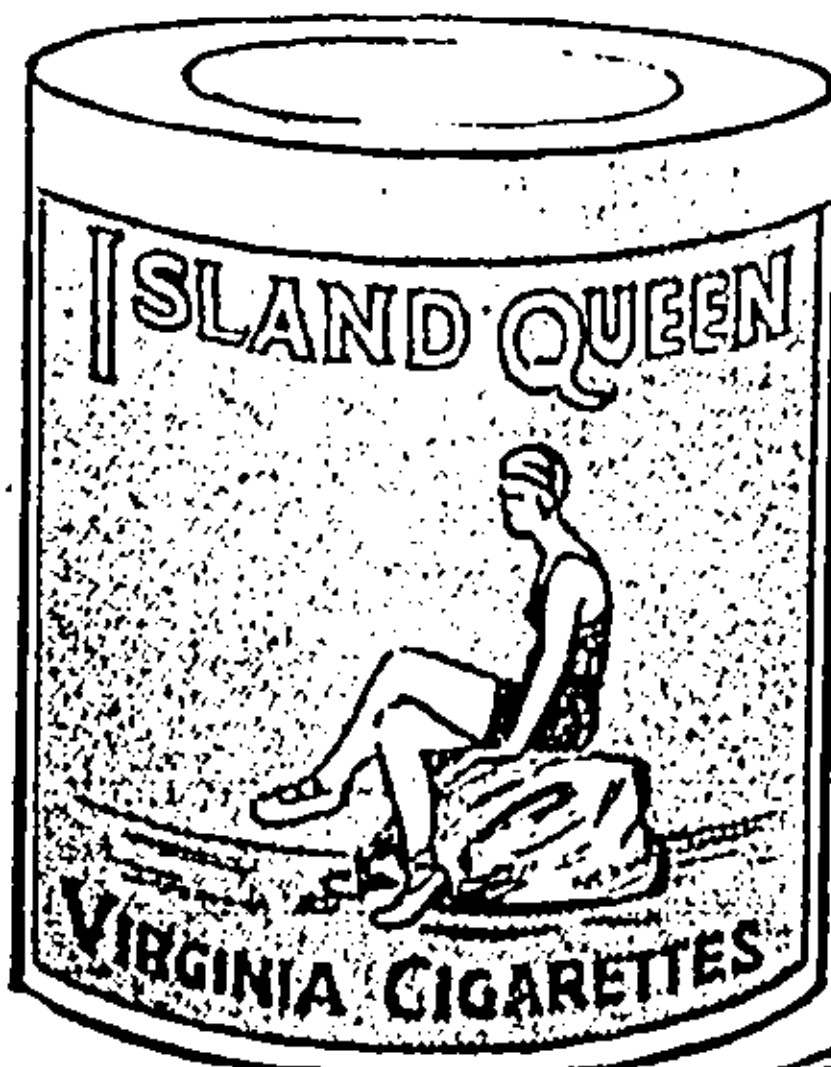
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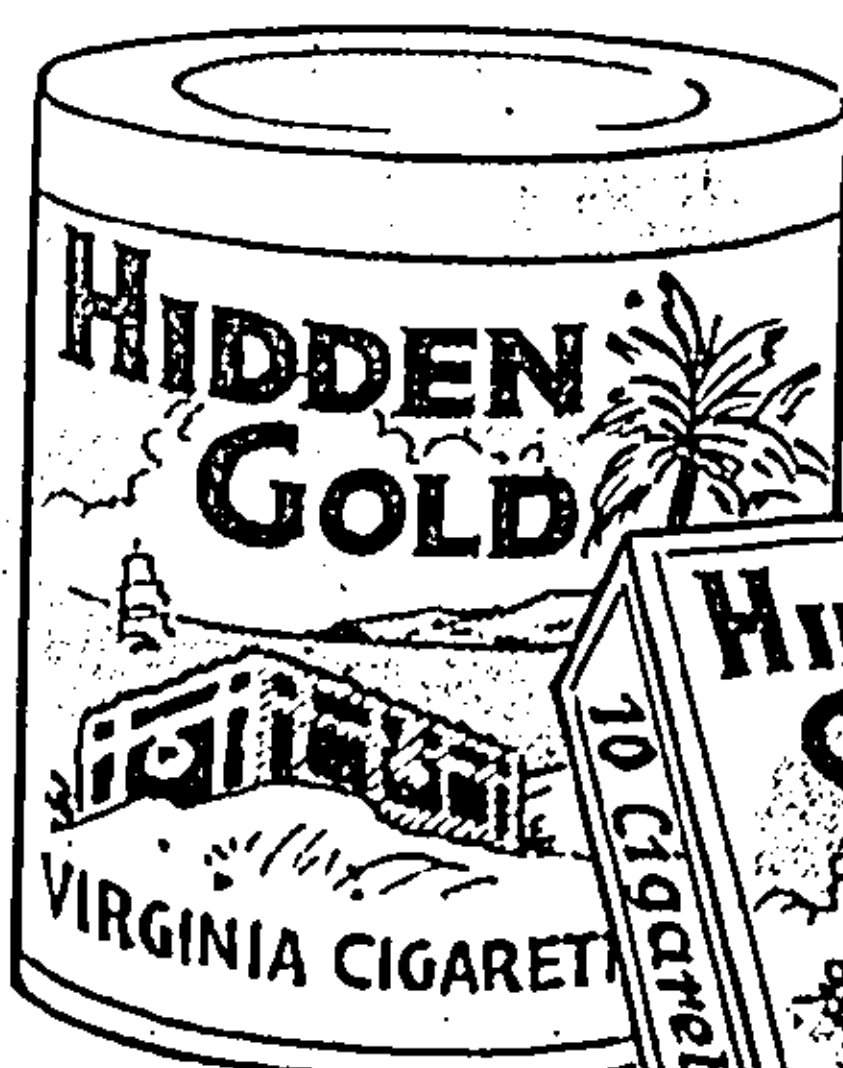
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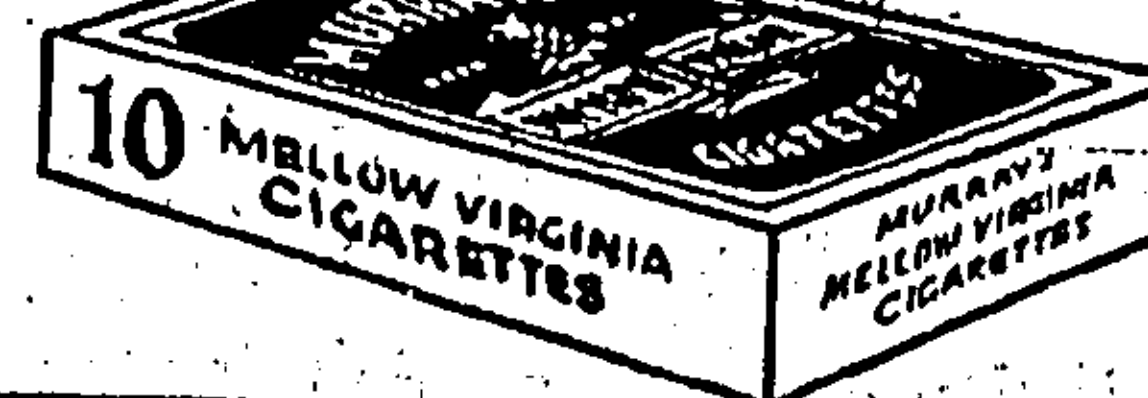
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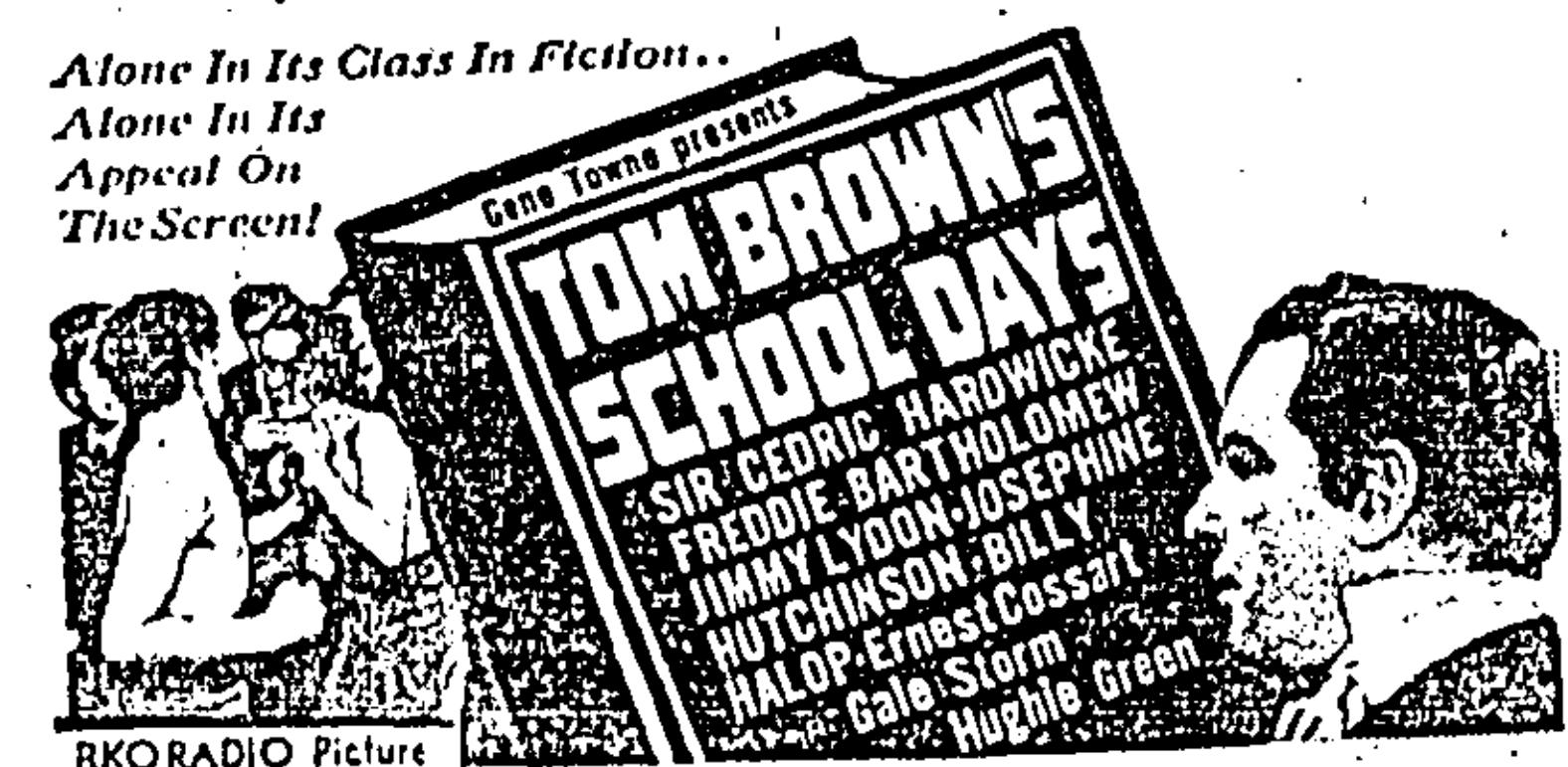


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participation in the decision to build the railway, nor that Mr. Lauchlin Currie had made such a recommendation.

Most informed quarters said that the plans for the project have been under study at Chungking for a long time, but it was only the recent changes in the world's outlook that made the proposal feasible. Treasury Department officials said that the Treasury had not taken any action with specific reference to the new railway.

Mr. Emil Schram, Director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation told the "United Press" that the Export-Import Bank had made no commitments thereon, and that as far as he knows, the Burma railway was not yet part of the general Chinese financing programme, but it might come under discussion; however, he asserted that the Export-Import Bank might, if approached, help to finance the project if it met the proper requirements.

Embassy Statement

A spokesman of the Chinese Embassy declined to comment and said that whatever information there was to be made public must come from the United States. An indefinite impression prevailed amongst informed circles that the United States might be giving the project active encouragement by indicating that it would co-operate by furnishing raw and semi-finished materials and rolling stock, and that it might also encourage privately. Chungking's \$10,000,000 bond issue to finance the railway, although it would probably not directly underwrite it.

Official quarters did not seek to disguise their belief that the railway, if speedily constructed, would be most useful. They said that although Japan could bomb a railway line as they do the Burma Road, the railroad bed would be almost as easy to repair as a highway and could be serviced during daylight hours. Such a project, they said, would shorten the haul from Burma to Chungking by many days and increase the volume of shipments to the interior of China.

They asserted that as long as Japan's eyes remain fastened anxiously on Europe, and Russia continues to be suspicious of both Japan and Germany, China has a golden opportunity to build the railway without any major interference. Some experts estimated that it could be completed within a year.

Navy And Army Assist Homeless

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destroyed a small hospital. The evacuation of numerous civilians by train and buses to other parts of Britain continues. Mobile canteens are giving excellent service. A Y.M.C.A. unit has been established outside a large bombed hotel. It borrowed the hotel's canteen and has expanded its business.

Lady Astor's House Hit
PLYMOUTH, Mar. 23 (UP).—German time bombs behind Lady Astor's house on the Hoe exploded to-day causing considerable damage to the back of the building. Lady Astor and all other members of the household evacuated some time before.

The King's Message.
PLYMOUTH, Mar. 23 (UP).—His Majesty the King, who had departed from Plymouth a few hours before the German blitz, to-day sent a message to the Mayor, Lady Astor, saying: "After our happy day, the Queen and I were deeply distressed to hear what you have been through last night. Whatever the people of Plymouth may be called upon to suffer, we feel quite certain that the spirit of the country will rise above it all. God bless you all."

The King also telephoned to Admiral Sir Martin Dunbar-Smith expressing his distress and asking to be kept advised regarding developments.

Yugo-Slavia Crisis Continues

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of no concessions of national sovereignty and independence.

British Inducements

CAIRO, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Some factors which should encourage Yugo-Slavia to stand firm in the face of German demands were indicated in British official circles here to-day.

It is declared that the action of the three Yugo-Slav ministers, who resigned as a protest against Government's majority vote in favour of the German terms, will be applauded in Yugo-Slavia as a whole, and the Yugo-Slav Government can take this popular feeling into account.

Another element which they cannot have failed to consider are the recent conversations between the British and Turkish ministers at Cyprus, which, as stressed in both Cairo and Ankara, re-emphasised complete Anglo-Turkish identity of views.

The Yugo-Slav government is also taking into account the help in material and munitions and the naval

N. Zealand Must Ship Less Meat To Britain

WELLINGTON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—New Zealand's exports of meat will be drastically cut as the result of British Government decisions based on the shipping position.

The New Zealand Government has decided that New Zealand freezing works shall from to-morrow accept for freezing for export only lamb, prime beef and porker pigs up to 120 pounds.

and air support which Britain is giving to Greece, upon which Yugo-Slavia would also be able to call if attacked by Germany.

Hazards Due To Italy

The Yugo-Slav government must also have observed the signs of the growing conviction in Germany that the military hazards in the Balkans are greatly increased by Italian difficulties in East Africa.

All these considerations suggest most clearly the course which is in her interest and those of her neighbours. The demand for Yugo-Slavia to following the examples of Greece and Turkey and stand firm before German threats.

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Balkans Tension Heightened

Special to the "Telegraph"
BELGRADE, MAR. 23 (UP).—BRITISH TROOPS ARE RUSHING ACROSS NORTHERN GREECE AND ARE REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED THE YUGO-SLAVIAN FRONTIER ALONG THE VARDAR VALLEY AS THE YUGO-SLAVIAN GOVERNMENT INFORMED GERMANY THAT SHE IS READY TO JOIN THE AXIS POWERS DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

The arrival of British troops on the frontier has heightened the tension. It is reported that at least 35,000 mechanised troops are now north of Salonika in addition to Colonial, Polish, Czech and Free French infantry forces.

WILL SIGN UP WITH AXIS

The Yugo-Slavian Premier, M. Cvetkovitch and the Foreign Minister, M. Cincar-Makovitch are expected to leave to-morrow to sign the pact with Germany in Vienna. This decision follows a delay caused by the Cabinet crisis due to the resignation of the Minister of Justice, M. Milan Constantinovic which was later withdrawn.

Wild rumours are being circulated, one being that a German ultimatum has been served on Yugo-Slavia and another that the Cabinet crisis was a subterfuge to gain delay in signing the pact. Crowds are restless in the streets, but there has been no demonstrations.

At a meeting to-day of 54 executives from the whole country of the Sokols Patriotic Athletic Organisation, which has a membership of 300,000, a message was sent to the Executive Committee urging action in conformity with national feeling which has been aroused by the imminent signing of the pact.

The latest issue of their organ, "Sokols Herald" calls upon the Government to "sacrifice everything rather than honour and freedom."

Students Protest

Students of the Belgrade University comprising our old opposition parties—Radical, Democrat, Yugo-National



M. Cvetkovitch

and Socialist—and those who belong to the new opposition parties—Serbian Agrarian and Independent Democratic, have sent to the White Palace a joint protest against the Government's new foreign policy.

The inhabitants of the southern Serbian town of Berane, which has a population of 2,000 and who boast a long record of guerrilla warfare, have telegraphed the White House threatening to revolt if any Government action was taken menacing the freedom of the Yugo-Slavians.

"Rebecca" Proceeds For Bomber Fund

International Entertainment Enterprises, Ltd. have announced that 25% of the net receipts of the first night showing of "Rebecca" on Wednesday, March 26, will be devoted to the Bomber Fund.



Girls Behind The Guns

Special selected girls, members of the A.T.S., are playing a key part in the training of A.A. gunners. They are trained in the use of the Kine-Theodolite, which helps to correct errors in marksmanship. Here we see two of the girls busy on the Evaluator, an instrument for reading height and angles of target and shell bursts, from the developed film from the Kine-Theodolite.

Italians Hastily Erecting New Defences In Albania

Special to the "Telegraph"
ATHENS, MAR. 23 (UP).—Press reports to-day declare that the Italians are hastily digging new trenches on the Albanian front to strengthen their positions, while the spokesman stated that Greek troops have penetrated the Italian lines at various points along the front, taking additional prisoners.

Heavy artillery duels are reported in which, according to the press, the Italians wasted considerable ammunition "against impregnable Greek positions."

The spokesman said that Greek artillery and mortars seriously damaged Italian columns which were attempting to reinforce the front lines. He asserted that a number of Italian patrols were encircled and captured after crossing the Greek lines.

Front line reports reveal there are still numerous unburied Italian corpses in the "Valley of Death" as a result of recent battles.

The Government spokesman said that 500-kilo bombs were dropped during yesterday's raid on Corfu.

Wang & South Sea Lands

Part Of New Order
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, MAR. 24 (UP).—Nanking's "Central China Daily News" giving prominence to the "Asahi Shimbun's" interview with Wang Ching-wei last Saturday on the occasion of the first anniversary of the return of the regime to Nanking, said that Wang announced the "south seas" part of the new order in East Asia is also a bone of contention between the white and yellow races and therefore the settlement of this question is necessary and the Chinese residing there must radically oppose it being thrown over to European and American suppression.

Indo-China Intrigue Charges

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, MAR. 23 (UP).—A special dispatch from Hanoi to the "Nichi Nichi" said it had been revealed that the Government of Indo-China had secretly summoned on March 13, all Annamite leaders and had made an effort to win them to their side "with the bait of independence."

The despatch said that this sudden and complete turn in attitude by a Government which had been oppressing the Annamites was aimed at obstructing Japan's new order in East Asia programme.

Destroyers Collide

Slight Damage Caused To U. S. Warships
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, March 23 (Domei).—The Navy Department announces that four destroyers, the Aylwin, 1,395 tons, the Farragut, 1,365 tons, the Somers, 1,850 tons, and the Warrington, 1,850 tons, were "slightly damaged" when they collided during night manoeuvres somewhere off Pearl Harbour, Hawaii.

The announcement did not disclose details as to when or how the collision occurred. It added, however, that none of the members of the crews on the four destroyers was injured.

REDUCTION OF KEREN CITY

—British Siege
KHARTUM, MAR. 23 (Reuter).—Intensive patrol activity plays a large part in the British siege methods round Keren.

When a British patrol encountered an enemy force in the neighbourhood of one fort, they summoned artillery support. The British guns promptly opened fire, aided by which the British party inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and took 130 prisoners, all without loss to themselves.

An example of the courage and endurance of the Imperial troops is furnished by two Indian machine-gunners, who were lost on a mountain peak but when found by a British patrol 48 hours later, were still manning their post.

Nazi Envoys Confer
SANTIAGO, MAR. 23 (Reuter).—A clandestine conference here of the German ambassadors to the Argentine, Chile and Peru has deeply disturbed public opinion according to a Lima despatch which quotes a Press demand that the Peruvian Government should "investigate what plot is being hatched in Santiago."

De Brinon Inspects Occupied France

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICI, MAR. 23 (UP).—Comte de Brinon, the French Ambassador to Paris, conferred with Admiral Darlan at noon to-day reporting the results of his tour through the occupied south-west zones of France where he conferred with Mayors and Prefects regarding their administrative problems. He will make an early inspection of the northern French Departments in the forbidden zone along the coast where he will also smooth out administrative difficulties.

Cabinet Problem Unsolved

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BELGRADE, MAR. 23 (UP).—It is learned that the Government crisis remained unsolved this afternoon. The solution which late last night appeared imminent, failed to materialise.

Officers Indignant

BELGRADE, MAR. 23 (Reuter).—A meeting of the Federation of Reserve Officers of Yugo-Slavia yesterday unanimously passed a resolution protesting against any plan to "conclude an agreement not in harmony with our national honour and independence."

The protest has been sent to the Regent and the Premier.

After passing the resolution, the officers broke up their meeting and declined to proceed to other business in order to emphasise their protest.

The latest message shows that the Reserve Officers did not disband.

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Aid Britain Bill To Be Consolidated This Week

Special to the "Telegraph"
WASHINGTON, MAR. 23 (UP).—Congress is expected to send to President Roosevelt this week legislation appropriating nearly fifteen billion dollars for armaments and aid to Britain.

The legislation includes three bills the largest of which is the seven billion dollar British aid measure which the Senate is expected to pass late on Monday or Tuesday.

The other measures are the \$3,400,000 naval supply bill, which was approved by the Senate last Thursday, and the \$4,073,000,000 supplemental defence bill which was passed by the House last Friday.

U.S. Preparing To Send Large Supplies Of Food To England

WASHINGTON, MAR. 23 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the Government is quietly accumulating foodstuffs for shipment to Britain. A special Department of Agriculture Committee has been established to co-operate with the British Government. The Committee expects to obtain authority to spend \$500,000,000 and it is understood that President Roosevelt is also planning a Federal Food Administration.

FURTHER S. CHINA LANDINGS

Japanese Take Over Famed Pirates' Lair

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, MAR. 24 (UP).—The Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet in China, has announced, through the Japanese Consulate-General in Shanghai, that further landings have been made on the south China coast by the Japanese, in order to extend further the Japanese blockade of Fukien and Kwangtung.

The new landings have been made along a line running from Fokai Point to the Chiland and Tongmi peninsulas, including the Honghai and Chichishina bays.

The new landings were made this morning.

"Honghai Bay is just north of Blas Bay and was once the principal headquarters of the south China pirate gangs."

It is believed that the new Japanese landings include the cutting off of Swatow, which recently was reported to have become one of the most important bases for the smuggling of materials into Free China.

Among the first purchases will be 12,000,000 pounds of land packed in 60 pound tins. Officials said this would be ready for export to Britain.

America's land reserves are now at the highest record of 317,500,000 pounds which is an increase of 61,000,000 pounds compared with a year ago and is 161,500,000 pounds above the average.

Large surpluses of vegetable oils are available. The Government is reported to be not fully informed of the British food needs, but it is understood they include dried and condensed milk, cheese, butter, eggs, pork, dried fruits, meats and fats.

More information is expected when the British food mission arrives. The mission is reported to be enroute to the United States.

LATEST GUILD CASE: SUMMING UP

Summing up the Guild case, Mr Sheldon said that there was some doubt as to whether the Defendant was driving under the influence of drink. The evidence of the two Police Sergeants, J. R. Sykes and Hensley, which he accepted, that Defendant had been drinking, did not go so far as to prove that Defendant was actually drunk. And the fact that two expert Police officers as Sgt Sykes and Hensley had allowed the Defendant to start the car and drive it to the left side of the road brings further doubt as to whether the Defendant was actually drunk, he being able to park the car on the left side of the road.

As for the charge of dangerous driving Mr Sheldon said he accepted Col Shaw's evidence that Defendant was driving on the wrong side of the road.

Defendant was fined \$250 for dangerous driving and the summons of driving under the influence of drink, was dismissed.

POLICE OFFICER FINED \$250

Sergeant Guild was fined \$250 for dangerous driving, the second charge, that of being under the influence of drink, being dismissed. Report of to-day's proceedings on Page five.

34 Cholera Cases

The 48 hours ending midnight on Sunday produced another 34 cholera cases, of which 23 were from Victoria, 10 from Kowloon and one from the New Territories.

So far this year 477 cases have been reported.

New Official Statement On Nightsoil Problem

Mr W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Urban Council, informed the "Telegraph" this morning that the collection of nightsoil in the urban areas will be undertaken, when the new scheme comes into operation on May 1, by coolies employed and directly controlled by his Department.

There was no intention, he said, of employing contractors for the work.

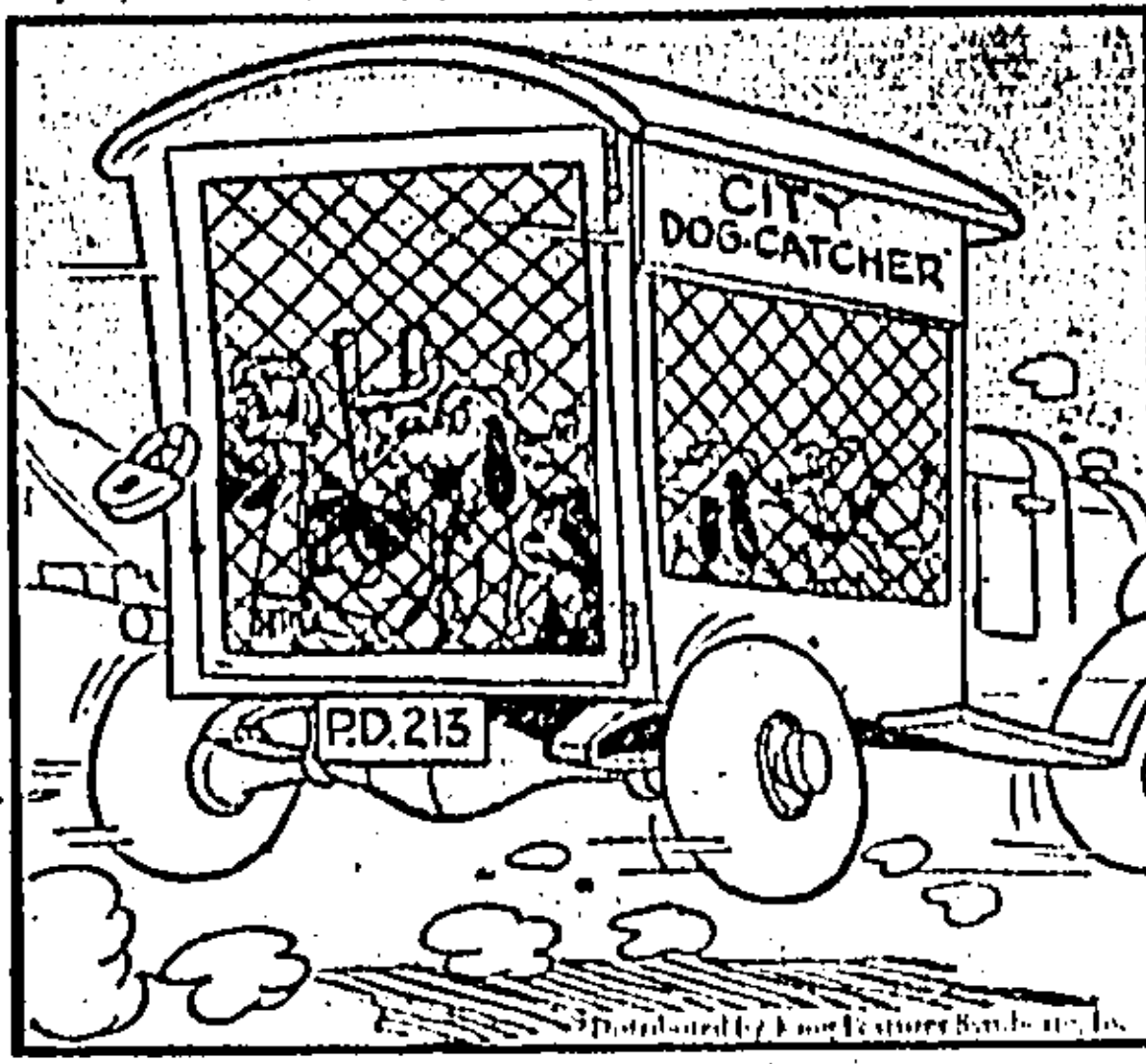
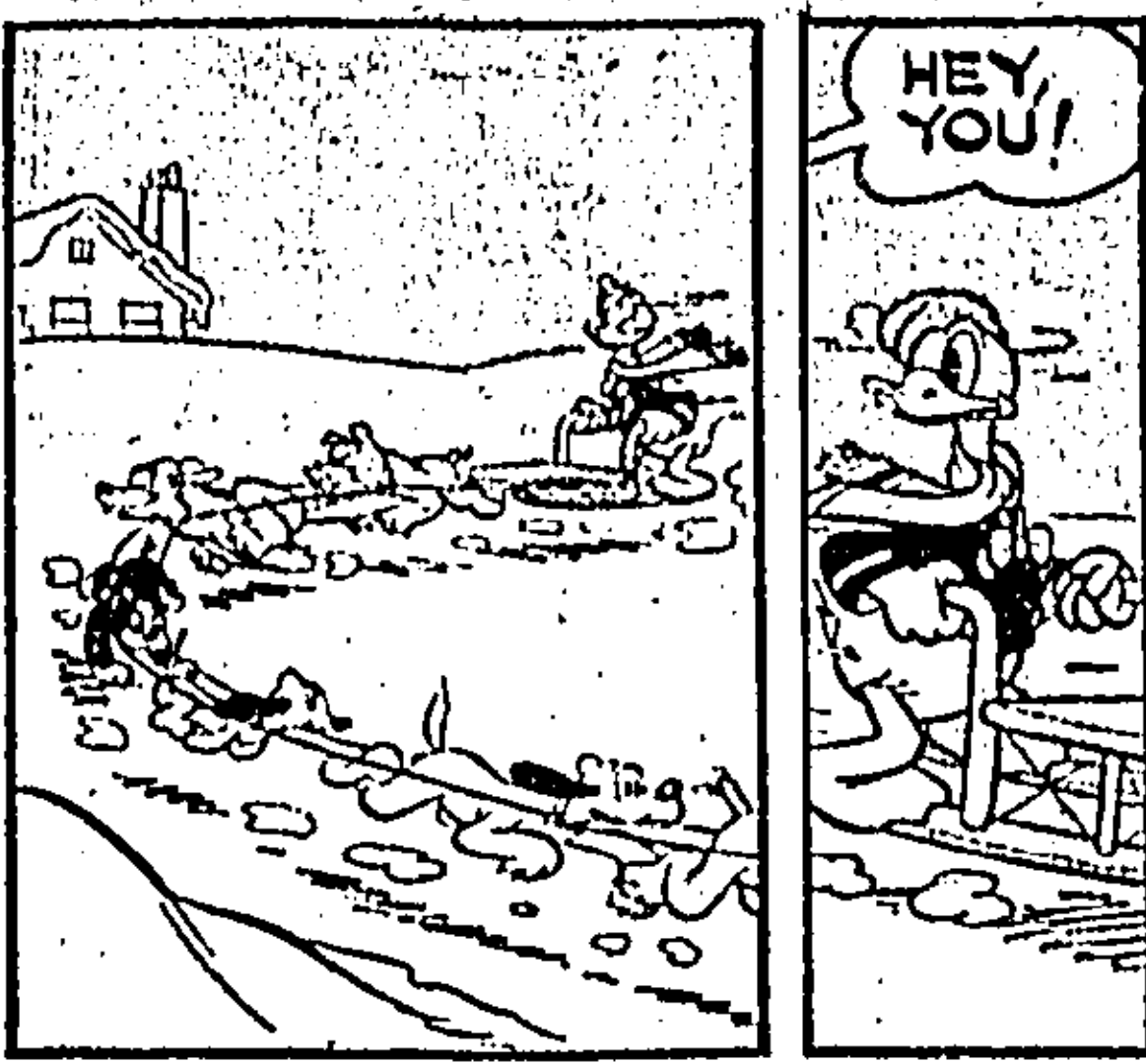
According to the agenda for to-morrow's meeting of the Urban Council, it is proposed to rescind Conservancy By-law 2 (1) in Schedule A of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance of 1935, and substitute therefor a new by-law which reads: "The Council shall provide a departmental service or employ contractors for the removal of excremental matter, etc. etc."

It was necessary to insert the words "or employ contractors," said Mr Carrie, because in the first year of Government control of nightsoil disposal the departmental service will not be extended to the areas on the south of the Island.

Collection from Pokfulam, Tsim Sha Tsui, Aberdeen, Hongkong Tsai, Stanley and southern districts will be made by contractors, as at present.

The Urban Council hopes to extend its service to these districts after one year.

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Food For France From Africa

Supplies Go To Paris

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—A statement that both Occupied and Unoccupied France are to be supplied with fruit, vegetables and nutrition from North Africa in increasing amounts is credited to M. Roeh, Director of Vichy's Ministry of Supply, in an interview quoted by the official German news agency.

To facilitate the distribution, said M. Roeh, the destination of the food would be determined before it left Algeria. One third of the supplies would go to Paris and the remainder to the rest of France.

The arrangement, he added, was the result of recent talks between Vichy and the Governments of Algeria, Morocco and Tunis.

Flour From U.S.A.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 23 (UP).—It is learned from authoritative sources that the arrangement which Mr. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, announced last Saturday regarding the sending of two shiploads of flour to unoccupied France does not indicate any intention on the part of the British to relax the blockade. However, the discussions are probably continuing over a wider field.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3RD APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3RD APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
 Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March, 1941, at noon, in the BOARD ROOM of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1940, and re-electing two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.
 By Order of the Board,
 J. P. SHERRY,
 Managing Director.
 14, Des Voeux Road Central,
 Hong Kong.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 1st to 5th April, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
 Agents.

21st March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
 C. M. MANNERS,
 Secretary and Manager.
 Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post

China and Macao

16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign

25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph

China and Macao

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16 cents Saturdays

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 Cebu Hongkong Sooloway
 Fuzhou Hongkong Sourabaya
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W. H. EVANS THOMAS,
 Manager.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	44 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	84 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:

Only a few transactions were recorded at quotations.

Buyers

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934)	94
Bank of East Asia	70
Canton Ins.	\$217
Union Ins.	\$425
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$170
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$80
Providents	\$5.20
Hotels	\$3.10
Lands	\$31.75
Humphreys	\$6.70
Rentlites	\$2.95
Chinese Estates	\$100
Trans	\$18.25
Lights "O"	\$6.20
Electric C. Rts	\$39.80
Macao Electrics "O"	\$17.80
Macao Electrics "N"	\$10.80
Ropes	\$7
Watsons	\$11

Sellers

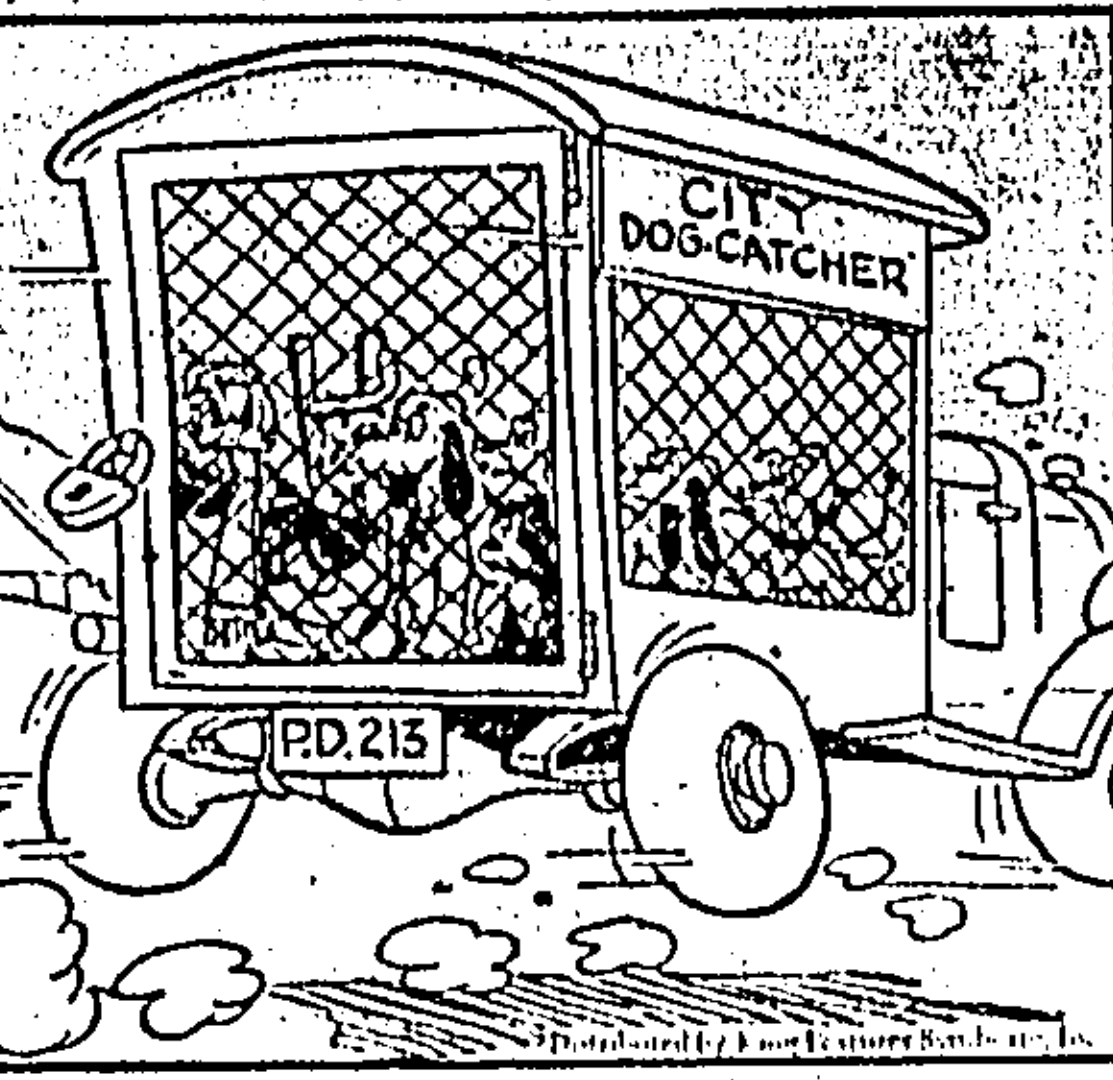
Ropes	\$7.40
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Sales

H.K. Banks	\$1,340
Electric C. Rts	\$40.05
Telephones "O"	\$24.30
Docks (Old)	\$15.40 X.D.



By Walt Disney



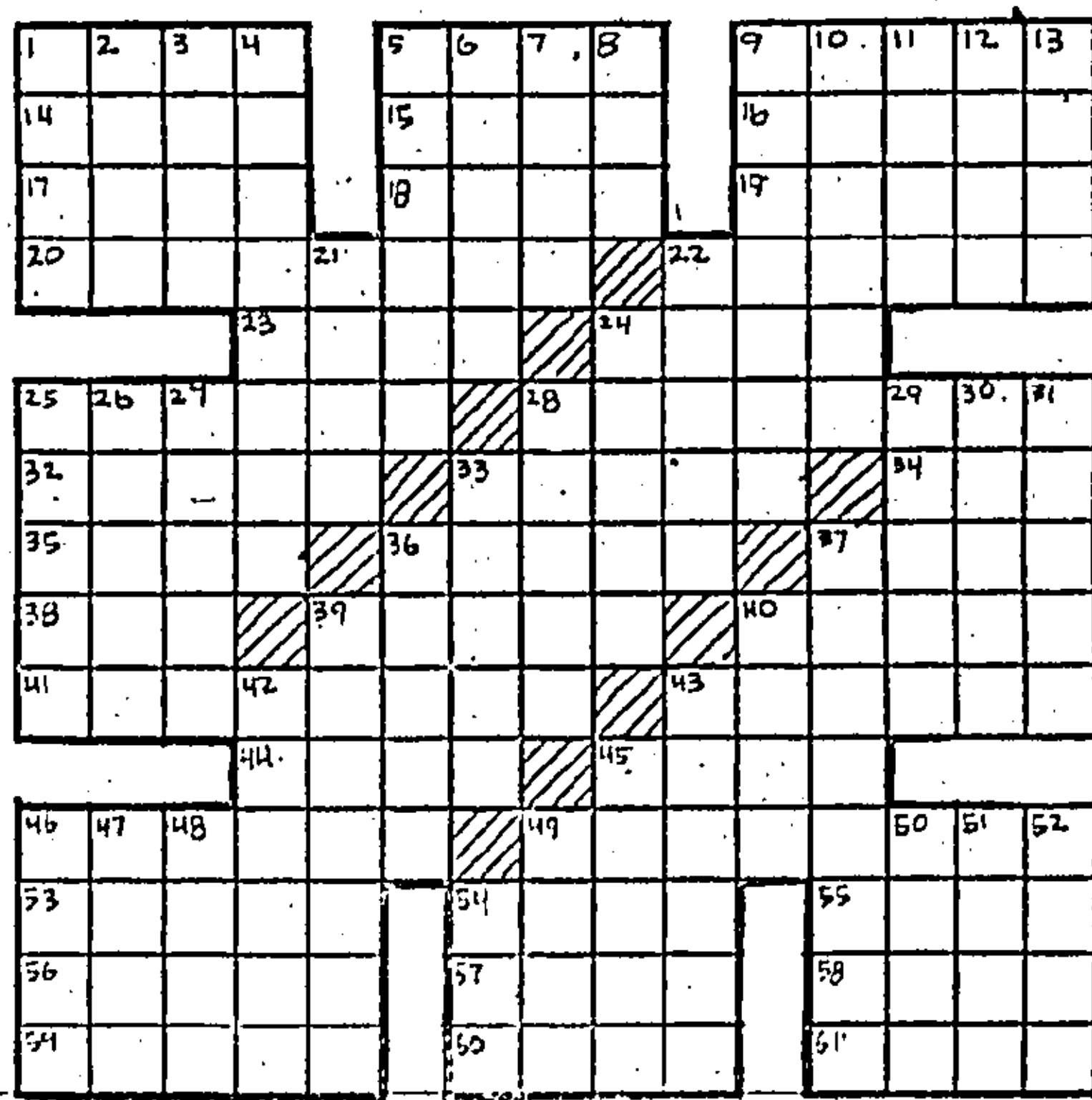
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
 1—Author of "Les Misérables"
 2—Egyptian sacred bull
 3—Outcast of love
 4—Native of Asia
 5—Girl for picture
 6—With company
 7—Male sheep
 8—Deafening
 9—Little (French)
 10—Members of Electoral College
 11—Wants badly
 12—Burial vase
 13—Tink leading to solution
 14—Fustian jobs
 15—Act of lamentation
 16—Isogenerate
 17—Deplete limit, of time (pl.)
 18—Member of convent
 19—Blister of Area
 20—Take hold of
 21—Wife of Zeus
 22—Alao
 23—Dried plum
 24—Most evil
 25—Writer of annals
 26—Wooden boxes
 27—Are compelled to
 28—Rural
 29—New
 30—Plourish defiantly
 31—Give as prize
 32—God of Jove
 33—Concepcion
 34—Penture
 35—Red flower
 36—Authoritative standard

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
 1—Miserable
 2—Apis
 3—Outcast
 4—Yam
 5—Girl
 6—With
 7—Male
 8—Deafening
 9—Little
 10—Members
 11—Wants
 12—Burial
 13—Tink
 14—Fustian
 15—Act
 16—Isogenerate
 17—Deplete
 18—Member
 19—Blister
 20—Take
 21—Wife
 22—Alao
 23—Dried
 24—Most
 25—Writer
 26—Wooden
 27—Are
 28—Rural
 29—New
 30—Plourish
 31—Give
 32—God
 33—Concepcion
 34—Penture
 35—Red
 36—Authoritative

DOWN
 1—Long-eared rodent
 2—Mountain chain in Africa
 3—Merriment
 4—Hunted wild animals
 5—Hides
 6—Maid's garments
 7—Bonds forth
 8—Egyptian goddess
 9—Mistake in air
 10—Football team
 11—Short letter
 12—Single object
 13—Adjust
 14—Tink (Scottish)
 15—Thick cluster
 16—Litter used for estimate
 17—Combining form
 18—Winding bird
 19—Strone-amelling
 20—Wish to signify
 21—Lifeless
 22—One who cares for sick
 23—Have faith in
 24—Grain for grinding
 25—Storing away
 26—Stolen loot
 27—Small bird
 28—Famine by deprivation
 29—Hops
 30—Non-rhyming compound
 31—Take by force
 32—Female sheep
 33—Let slantingly
 34—Upper part of head
 35—Versatile statue
 36—Burn
 37—Part of harness
 38—Period of history



EWO BEER

As of to-day, March 24, 1941, the prices of EWO Beer, Pints and Quarts, have been increased by \$3.00 per case.

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POST OFFICE

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsai), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by Pan-American Airways Direct Service.—San Francisco date, 18th March Mar. 25.
 Australia and Manila Mar. 25.
 Canton Mar. 25.
 U.S.A. and Japan (San Francisco date, 7th March) Mar. 25.
 Australia, Rabaul and Manila Mar. 27.
 Straits and Air Mail by British Overseas Airways Service (except London)—by Sea from Singapore, Mar. 28.
 Canton Mar. 29.

Monday, March 24

Hilphong, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Parcels Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
 Reg. Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
 Ord. Mar. 25, 8.30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 25

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services.

K.P.O.

Reg. Mar. 25, 5.00 p.m.
 Ord. Mar. 25, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. Mar. 25, 5.00 p.m.
 Ord. Mar. 25, 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Mar. 26, 10.30 a.m.
 Ord. Mar. 26, 11.00 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta.

Parcels 11 a.m.
 Letters Noon.
 Straits, South Africa, and Parcels only for United Kingdom.

K.P.O.

Parcels Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.
 Reg. Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.
 Ord. Mar. 27, 8.30 a.m.

G.P.O.

Parcels Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.
 Reg. Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.
 Ord. Mar. 27, 8.30 a.m.

Friday, March 27

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

K.P.O.

Reg. Mar. 28, 2 p.m.
 Ord. Mar. 28, 2.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. Mar. 28, 2 p.m.
 Ord. Mar. 28, 2.30 p.m.

Ceylon, India, East and South Africa

3.30 p.m.

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta

3.30 p.m.

*Subscribed Correspondence Only.

Soldier Injured

A Police report states that about midnight yesterday as Bus No. 818 was proceeding along Nathan Road toward Star Ferry, Pte J. Cawley, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, alighted from the vehicle near Cameron Road, and fell down. He was later removed to the Whitfield Barracks Hospital, suffering from abrasions. His condition is not serious.

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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

March 17

The following year he acted as Private Secretary to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government from May to November. He passed his Law Examination in December that year and was appointed Police Magistrate and Clerk of the Hongkong Cathedral in 1931. He was also the bride of Mr John Barrow. The Rev. A. P. Rose officiated, and Mr J. R. M. Smith was at the organ.

The bride, who is a nursing sister at Queen Mary Hospital, is the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Anderson Collic, of Edinburgh, Scotland. Her gown of heavy white satin, was fashioned with a high waisted draped bodice which buttoned down the back, and sleeves that were long and fitted. The full skirt ended in a short train at the back. A long circular, embroidered tulle veil was held in position by a crown of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of tuber-roses. The ensemble was made by Eunice.

The Principal Matron of Queen Mary Hospital, Miss Alice Mary Davies, acted as Maid-of-Honour and wore a smart ankle-length frock of bluey green. Her black hat was trimmed with pink roses, which flowers, mixed with larkspur, composed her bouquet.

The two bridesmaids were the Misses Dorothy Baker and Muriel Fielder, who wore charming shepherdess frocks of soft white organdy embroidered with shamrocks. The full skirts were looped at the hem and worn over white net and lace petticoats. Long white kid gloves offset the short puffed sleeves. Their large white bangkok straw hats were trimmed with Irish green velvet ribbon with long streamers tied under the chin. Their bouquets of white marguerites and scarlet geraniums were tied with Irish green velvet ribbons.

Bridegroom's Career

The bridegroom is the son of Major-General H. P. W. Barrow, C.B., D.S.O., and Mrs. Barrow, of Epsom, England. A member of the Colonial Administrative Service, the bridegroom came to Hongkong in February, 1927. Two years later he was appointed Assistant Group Secretary for Chinese Affairs in March, and Fourth Assistant Colonial Secretary in May. In November that year he became Acting Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, and to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government in the following February. In May he was appointed Secretary to His Excellency the Governor. He was also the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in June, 1930.

In November, 1931, Mr Barrow was attached to the District Office, North.

Tuesday

March 18

Asked for his impressions on Singapore, His Excellency said that it was an exceedingly strong fortress. He saw abundant signs of immense strength there, but except for it being a fortress Singapore was carrying on calmly.

As regards Hongkong, he stated that he found it carrying on very well and fulfilling its part in the Empire scheme.

Questioned as to whether a Chinese Consulate would be established in Hongkong, Sir Geoffrey said that he could not make any comment on it as he was completely in the dark about the situation. He added, raised when he was in London by Mr Quo Tal-chi, the Chinese Ambassador. He saw Mr Quo several times, and he appeared to be very well and in good heart too.

Lady Northcote, His Excellency added, was very well but was sorry that she could not come back, to guess you know the reason why," he added.

Estate Duties Increased. The Government Gazette publishes the draft to an Estate Duty Amendment Ordinance, which gives new rates, higher than the existing ones, which it is intended to impose on the estates of deceased persons.

It is explained that this Bill, when passed, will add as a fourth schedule to the principal Estate Duty Ordinance a new schedule of estate duty rates payable on the estates of persons dying on or after April 1, 1941. The present rates, payable on the estates of persons dying on or after July 1, 1939, are given in section 4 of Ordinance No. 20 of 1939, and of those who died before that date in the First and Second Schedules to Ordinance No. 3 of 1932. Those rates will not be changed in respect of any deaths before April 1, 1941. Comparison between the Schedule in this Bill and the Schedule in section 4 of Ordinance No. 20 of 1939, shows that where the principal value of the estate does not exceed \$300,000 there is to be no increase of duty; but then the duty rises by stages of one per cent, until a duty of 27 per cent is payable on estates not exceeding \$4,000,000; it then rises by two per cent, stages until a duty of 31 per cent, is payable on estates not exceeding \$5,000,000; and thereafter by three per cent, stages until 32 per cent, all the rate for estates exceeding \$30,000,000.

The present maximum is 20 per cent, on estates exceeding \$20,000,000. The reason for the increases is the necessity of finding revenue to meet increasing expenditure in the Colony.

Badminton. Several matches in the badminton championships were held to-night at Recreation, the best being that between T. S. Young (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong) in the junior singles. The scores were 15-13, 15-10, 15-10, the former winning 15-13, 15-10.

Young's superior net play won him the match, but his recoveries from mistakes also contributed towards victory. Tsang was the quicker of the two to settle down but he was before confident and it was not long before he had his measure. Both sets provided ding-dong struggles, and Young emerged successful.

W. E. Gillespie (St Andrew's) easily overcame A. L. Gordon (Police) 15-3, 15-7. Gordon, who had been sitting for an examination and rushed straight to the court, put up a creditable showing against a more experienced player, whose strongest department was his accurate angled-placements at the net and his smashing.

In the junior doubles, W. Gillespie and J. L. Anderson had no difficulty in beating W. E. Ho and C. Cheung, both of whom appeared to be mere novices compared to their opponents. Gillespie and Anderson had plenty to spare but made frequent ally errors. Anderson in particular was very weak overhead and mistimed many of his smashes, some of which he completely missed.

Henry and Declan Eardley (St John's) former Shanghai champions, entered the second round of the mixed doubles at the expense of W. E. Gillespie and Florrie Wong (St Andrew's) 15-7, 15-8. The Eardleys' court craft and better generalship carried them through, although Gillespie and his partner put up a creditable showing, especially as they had not paired off together previously.

Tennis Championships. The tennis championships were begun at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday when several prominent players appeared. The results were as expected.

Results:—H. D. Rumjahn beat W. J. Howard 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles:—O. Umlant and T. Imura beat F. P. Ho and C. Cheung 6-3, 6-3. C. W. Sowell and D. M. MacDougall beat T. A. Martin and E. G. Douglas 6-2, 6-2. T. Y. Yan-pui and T. W. Yip beat C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell 6-4, 7-5.

Appeal Tribunal. Two cases were heard to-day by the Comptroller of the Appeal Tribunal, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor (Chairman), Mr. A. Peffer and the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

The first case was that of Mr J. J. King, of Falconer and Co., who asked for re-assignment from the Comptroller Group on the ground that he could not find time for Volunteer training.

Mr King said that he was the sole European in charge of the firm, which was an agent for Admiralty charts the sale of which had to be looked after by a responsible person. Because of this he could not find time for training, although he would very much like to remain a Volunteer.

The Chairman said that the case was not an easy one as it did not strictly come within the purview of the Tribunal, but in view of what Mr King had said he would recommend that he be transferred to the Essential Services Group.

The other appellant was Mr A. J. W. Evans, of the British Cigarette Co., who appealed against being assigned to the Combustion Group. He stated that the nature of his work was such that he could not find time for training.

Mr Evans said that he solely was in charge of the manufacturing of cigarettes and he had to be on the spot the whole time. He was also responsible for the factory and machinery in the event of an emergency and because of this he had just started on an A.R.P. course.

The Chairman remarked that he realised Mr Evans had a grave responsibility to his employers, but if there were an emergency he would be on the spot. Further, there was nothing in the case which would induce the Tribunal to depart from what had been regarded as a sound rule—that persons of the military or medical category could be in the Combustion Group.

The appeal was dismissed.

Cholera Epidemic. Forty-one cases of Cholera (28 from Victoria, four from Kowloon, one from Shaikwan and ten from Aberdeen), three cases of Dysentery, one case of Measles and Small-pox, and 41 of Tuberculosis, were reported on Monday.

The total of Cholera cases since the beginning of the year has reached 245. The weekly return shows the following cases of notifiable diseases up to midnight last Saturday—151 cases of Cholera, 29 deaths, 11 of Typhoid with three deaths, 10 of Measles with seven deaths (three imported), two of Chicken-pox, seven of Meningitis with one death, 47 of Dysentery with ten deaths (one imported), and 190 of Tuberculosis with 130 deaths (one imported).

The Medical Authorities stated yesterday that deaths from the additional 41 Cholera cases on Monday, numbered 11. The number of deaths since the beginning of the year is 173.

All the cases to date have been confined to Chinese. There have been no imported cases, the epidemic being attributed to failure of the nightsoil collection system, probably as a result of the recent "black-out".

The Medical Authorities have commenced a general cleaning up of the town, especially of eating houses and restaurants. War has been declared on unlicensed food hawkers, and strict supervision is being maintained on licensed hawkers. Hundreds of Chinese are being inoculated daily, and an intensive propaganda campaign has been initiated.

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March 19

Silver Jubilee. Rev. Fr. A. Rignati, Rector of St. Joseph's Church, commemorated his Silver Jubilee as a priest to-day when Solemn Mass was said at St. Joseph's at 8 a.m., followed by Solemn Benediction and Te Deum at the Cathedral, where Right Rev. Mr. Henry Valtoria, Vicar Apostolic, officiated, and a special presentation at the Catholic Mission House culminating in a dinner organised by his parishioners.

Father Rignati was ordained in Italy on March 19, 1919 at the age of 23 years, when he was still in Italian Army. He came to Hongkong in 1920 and became Rector of St. Joseph's 12 years ago. He was for seven years previously Chaplain of St. Joseph's.

Father Rignati celebrated his first Mass on March 19, the day observed by Roman Catholics as the Feast of St. Joseph. A lot of music from his childhood, Fr. Rignati mastered the theory and practice of music by himself, without the benefit of specialised training, and is to-day a musician of high rank having many compositions to his credit. His "Misereatur" has been played regularly in the Cathedral during Holy Week for the past 20 years.

A feature of the celebrations was the large number of Fr. Rignati's musical compositions used both at the evening service and at the presentation of gifts to him. The combined choir of the Cathedral and St. Joseph's Church rendered several of his works including his "Adore Te Devote" and "Jubilate Deo" at the evening Benediction. Both services were well-attended.

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Social Evils. The experiment of enlisting Chinese women police for the purpose of sampling soliciting for prostitution in Hongkong, and then elimination of prostitutes may be attempted.

In his report for the year, 1939, the Commissioner of Police says that it is considered that the time is now ripe for such an experiment.

He declares that a grave problem raised by the employment of very stricken refugees is that of prostitution. Certain limited areas of the Colony have become by night the haunt of a large number of prostitutes. Soliciting for prostitution has become a serious social evil, and the number and poverty of the women concerned have contributed to the spreading of venereal disease.

This problem formed the subject of an inquiry by a Committee appointed for the purpose by H.E. the Governor.

Dope Divans Increase

Another evil effect of overcrowding, poverty and unemployment is the spread of opium and heroin divans. Frequent raids are conducted on such illicit divans by both Police and Revenue officers. During 1939 there were 2,484 cases for offences against the Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinances, as compared with 2,081 cases in 1938.

The rise in the price of firewood and the presence here of large numbers of poverty stricken and unemployed persons has caused an increase in the number of forestry offences. There were 2,393 cases for such offences as compared with 2,246 cases in 1938. A large number of raids have been made by police and forestry officers, but the position is still serious.

Nightsoil Removal System. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, at a meeting to-day, gave its approval for Government to take over control of the removal of nightsoil at an annual expenditure of \$400,000.

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary) presided and said that both His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council were of the opinion that the change-over should be adopted without further delay, particularly from the important aspect of defence.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson remarked that none of the members felt very happy about the matter though they felt that it was a necessary step. Mr. M. K. Lo protested emphatically against the failure of the Urban Council and Government to consider representations of the Luen Yick Guild.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell recommended that as many people as possible at present engaged in the business should be employed by Government, and an assurance to this effect was given by the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Urban Council.

Both the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and the Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam dissociated themselves from the motion. The Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam expressed the hope that extra taxation to provide for the cost of the new scheme would not be necessary, while the latter remarked that it would be interesting to observe what would happen if the reasons of defence have disappeared.

While not against the motion, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce expressed the view that street-sleepers and refugees going to the streets to sleep, who had no latrines to go to were, in corollary-blue woollen dress, with hat the main, responsible for the troubles attributed to the old system.

Friday

March 21

A.R.P. Tunnels. There will be no surprise black-outs tomorrow as the Government is not in favour of causing any unnecessary alarm to the public, administration was amply testified to by Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele, the large number of distinguished persons who gathered at the Queen's Pier for the official leave-taking.

General Norton appeared to have been fully recovered from the effects of his fall. He looked hale and hearty, and was in the line of march with the others. He was given three lusty formations regarding all tunnel entrances and food will be dispensed at manager, Mr. Li Hon-man, and these spots. The A.R.P. Department European whose name has not been still considering the issuing of red and arms while attempting to stop two

Latrines will be installed in one or armed robbers in Queen's Road Central of the tunnels, but in the majority of cases these will be constructed just Mary Hospital in a fairly serious condition.

The star-lamp lighting experiment at Tai-po during the past week was moderately successful, but was inconclusive owing to the limited area. Another experiment will be carried out shortly, details of which will be published later. It was found that only one of three types of lamps was successful from a height of 4,000 feet. The light from this threw enough radiance shining knives, snatched the bag from the person to read the dial of his watch, but was not observed from the aeroplane. Another type of light was seen, from 6,000 feet, while the third threw insufficient light.

On the question of night-soil removal during a recent black-out it was disclosed that the Nightsoil Guild had submitted a lamp of their own design, which had been officially recognised by the A.R.P. Department. Wardens were instructed to allow the work of removal to proceed until the black-out ended and there was no valid reason why the duties should not have been properly completed.

The recent census of the Island and six divisions in Kowloon was accurately about 3,500 members of the A.R.P. Department for too strong for Wei Chung and S. T. contributed towards its success. The Chairman, winning the match without a result of the census will not be known for at least another week. The public gave willing co-operation except in a sided to be interesting, the winners very few cases, but these have now doing practically as they liked.

In the other encounter, Teal Wai-pul and Teal Wan-pul, last year's finalists, were satisfactorily dealt with, said the Director. Lieut-Gen. Norton leaves. Lieut-Overcano B. C. Fay and R. E. Guefi, General E. F. Norton, who has been 6-2, 6-1.

The Committee also considered and approved other votes totalling \$319,658. **Wedding.** A halo of small ostrich feathers in place of the conventional wreath of orange blossoms was worn by Miss Florence Margaret Fowler over her long circular veil of net when she became the bride of Mr William Gerald Long at St. John's Cathedral to-day.

Youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Fowler, of Hongkong, the bride was given away by her father. She looked charming in a gown of ivory-toned French satin trimmed with silver threads on the bodice and on the long circular train. She carried a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley, tea roses, and maidenhair fern.



Mr and Mrs W. G. Long, who were married at St. John's Cathedral on March 20. The bride was formerly Miss Florence Margaret Fowler.

The Misses Norah Witcheil and Allison Fisher, as bridesmaids, wore attractive buff-colored frocks of cut-velvet. Their small straw hats were trimmed with ostrich feathers. White carnations and maidenhair fern composed their bouquets.

The bride's mother attended the ceremony in a smart gown of orchid crepe satin. Her hat and accessories were black.

The bridegroom, who is on the staff of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. N. Long of Mundaring, Perth, Western Australia. He had Mr Don Davidson, of the Public Works Department, for his best man.

The Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of Hongkong, officiated, and Mr J. R. Smith was at the organ.

The reception was held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, when the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Repulse Bay prior to view that street-sleepers and refugees going to the streets to sleep, who had no latrines to go to were, in corollary-blue woollen dress, with hat the main, responsible for the troubles attributed to the old system.

Saturday

March 22

Football. Shield matches were to the fore again at the week-end and the big surprise was Eastern's Senior Shield defeat at the hands of Royal Navy. The Navy now leads South China in the final after the latter's de-

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments
St. John man, instructing a first-aid class: "There are two things a St. John man must not do—he must never lift a lady's skirt, and he must never take money for it."

I see a "trava window" wants to start a new "Best way is to rent a glass house and throw a party."

There is now a theory that the publication of passenger lists is done for loss of revenue in black-outs. So Government should retaliate with daylight savings.

As I understand it, the Cholera outbreak is a crying shame and something ought to be done about it—provided no money is spent and no one is subjected to discipline, inconvenience or loss of privilege.

If you leave a fortune of more than \$20,000,000 you now have to pay 52% Estate Duty. Better spend the 52% and let the Government have the 48%.

Government has forbidden the publication of passenger lists. So if enemy agents want information they'll have to go to Blake Pier and read the labels on the luggage.

Best of recent schoolboy howlers, collected by Cecil Hunt—"The most famous kind of all was Henry the Eighth; he was even filmed, and had so many children he had to have several wives. In his spare time he was quite a good musician."

As the result of subsistence cracks, Government House is deemed to be demolished. There is no truth in the rumour that several unofficial Members of Council have had severe heart attacks.

Charges for gas are going up again. That's one way of stopping pipes from leaking.

For Sale—One damaged Military Machine. Still in good running order. Box 909. Post Office, Rome.

Extract from letter received at Public Assistance office: "Please send my money at once. I need it badly. I have fallen into errors with my landlord."

Feat of St. Joseph's yesterday in the semi-final. In the Junior Shield South China and Royal Army Service Corps had easy passages in the final with convincing victories over Sing Tao "B" and Royal Navy respectively.

Senior Shield, Semi-Final			
Eastern	1	Royal Navy	2
St Joseph's	1	South China	7

Junior Shield, Semi-Final			
R.A.S.C.	0	R. Navy	1
Sing Tao "B"	0	South China	5

First Division			
Police	1	Kowloon	7
Second Division			
Police	1	Middlesex	4

Kit Chee	2	R.A.O.C.	0
R. Scots	7	Club	0

Third Division

Shell	2	R.A.M.C.	0
80th RA.	3	International	1

R. Signals	0	A.S.A.	1
12th R.A.	0	R.A.F.	4
35th R.A.	1	7th R.A.	4

Friendly

R.F.	4	Young Men	0
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It is understood that Miss M. F. D. Gemmell and Miss Joan Orem have been appointed to take charge. Volunteers Inspection. The Corps Artillery, Hongkong Volunteer Corps, were inspected by His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops in China, Major-General A. E. Grasett, this afternoon. Nearly 600 officers and men from two Batteries were on parade on Murray Parade Ground.

It was the first occasion on which the Corps Artillery has been inspected as a unit. Major-General Grasett arrived at 3 p.m., accompanied by Brigadier T. McLeod, C.B.A., Major G. E. S. Fox, R.A., and Captain H. F. T. St. John, A.D.C. He was met by Col H. B. Rose (Commandant, H.K.V.D.C.) and Captain F. N. Thurstay (Adjutant).

The parade was brought to attention by Lieut-Col. T. Addis-Martin, Officer Commanding Corps Artillery, and the general salute was given. After the inspection Major-General Grasett took the salute as the Batteries marched past.

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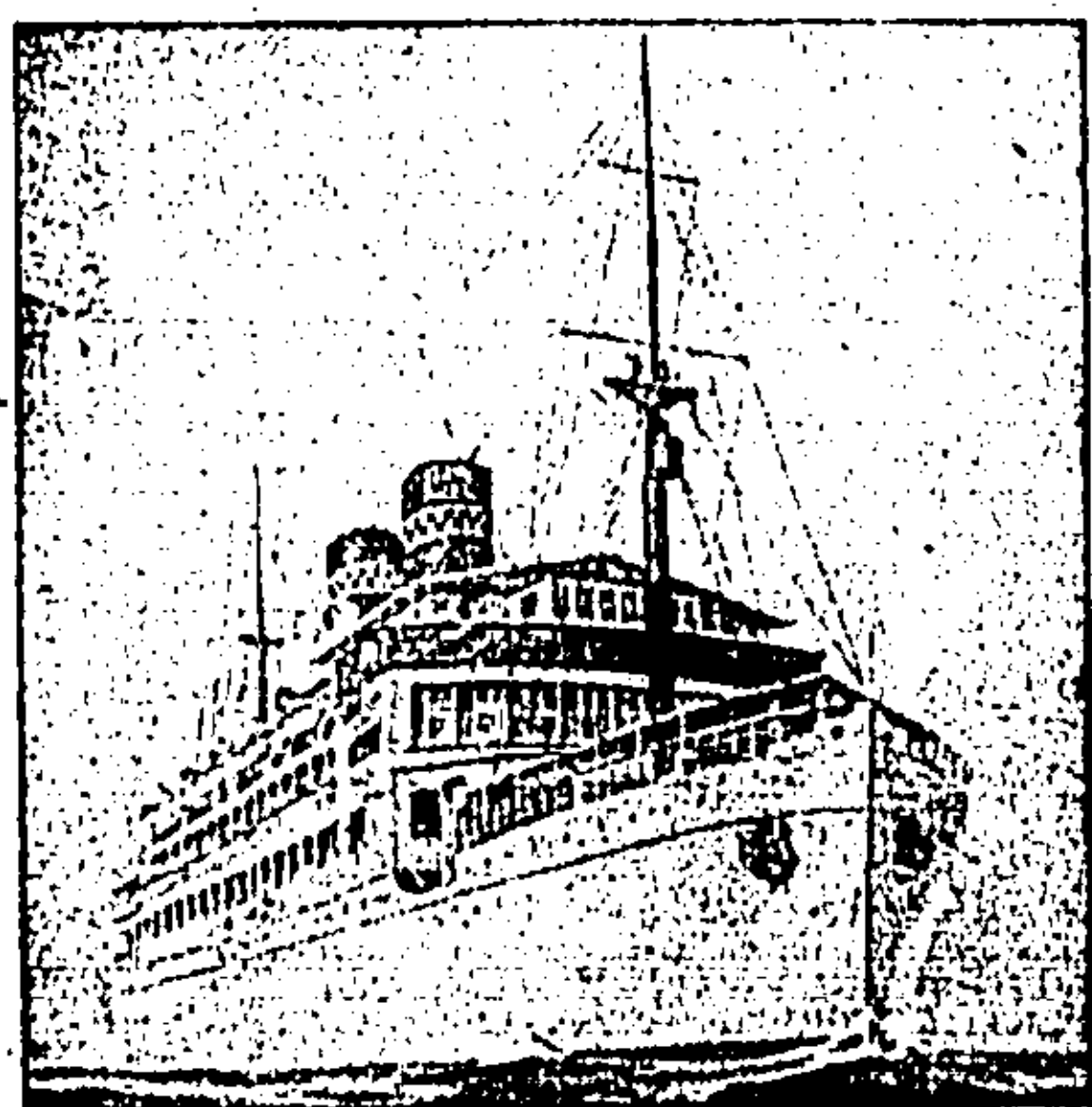
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CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE

NOT for nine months has there been such a feeling of security in the Far East. Rumours and reports have died away. Indo-China and Thailand are at peace. Momentary as it may be, the Far East enjoys a lull in which one can look around and survey the possibilities of the future. Is this a lull before a storm or has indecision and uncertainty crippled Axis action?

It is now said that Mr Matsuo's pilgrimage to Europe was forced upon him by the powerful ruling clique in Tokyo. It is not likely that he would leave the capital on the eve of action so that his absence promises to be a period of rest. When he returns from 'learning' at first hand the sincerity and scope of Axis adventures and the part Japan is to play in them there will be another period of digestion and determination and time saved is a battle-won for democracy.

A factor which is gaining recognition is that Tokyo is not so compliant to Hitler's wishes as was generally assumed. It may be that Hitler hopes to sway the Japanese Foreign Minister where his Nazi minions in Tokyo have failed. There are several other possible subjects for the agenda. For instance, Hitler may hope to induce Japan to take a role equivalent to America's non-belligerent support of Britain. However, this is scarcely likely since it would mean that Japan was giving up her own dreams of independent expansion and basing her entire future on a German victory in Europe and faith in German fulfilment of a promised quid pro quo. It would also leave Japan denuded of her major defences, a state of affairs which the Japanese could have viewed with equanimity only in her days of friendship with Britain and America. Another possibility is the "lending" to Germany of some of the Pacific mandated islands administered by Japan in the proximity of Australia. The breach of law that this would entail would probably not be insuperable, such is the value of treaties to-day, but although the Germans could fortify a raiding base on these islands and operate a Pacific fleet from them the enterprise would be desperate and short-lived.

It appears that Japanese caution is to the fore to-day and it is likely that Hitler expects armed intervention by Tokyo on his behalf he is likely to be disappointed so long as Britain maintains herself strongly in Europe and the Mediterranean.

KUNMING LASHIO LINE

Immediate Action

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Mar. 23 (UP).—It is officially stated that in addition to Mr B. S. Fong, the Government is sending Mr Tu Chen-yuan, head of the Engineering Bureau to the United States to arrange technical details for the Kunming-Lashio railway.

The head of the Kunming-Lashio Railway Bureau, Mr Tu Chen-yuan and the Purchasing Manager of the same Bureau, Mr Chen Kai-yuan, both American trained railway engineers—the former at Cornell and the latter at the University of Illinois—have left for Hongkong to catch the Clipper for the United States in connection with the purchase of materials for the construction of the railway towards Burma.

Washington, Mar. 23 (UP).—Officials to-day followed with interest the press reports of the proposed railway paralleling the Burma Road between Kunming and Lashio and indicated their belief that such a railway would be an economically sound proposition if efficiently and properly constructed.

There is no corroboration of the Chungking reports of United States participation in the decision to build the railway, nor that Mr Lauchlin Currie had made such a recommendation.

Most informed quarters said that the plans for the project have been under study at Chungking for a long time, but it was only the recent changes in the world's outlook that made the proposal feasible. Treasury Department officials said that the Treasury had not taken any action with specific reference to the new railway.

Embassy Statement

A spokesman of the Chinese Embassy declined to comment and said that whatever information there was to be made public must come from the United States. An indefinite impression prevailed amongst informed circles that the United States might be giving the project active encouragement by indicating that it would co-operate by furnishing raw and semi-finished materials and rolling stock, and that it might also encourage privately, Chungking's \$10,000,000 bond issue to finance the railway, although it would probably not directly underwrite it.

Official quarters did not seek to disguise their belief that the railway, if speedily constructed, would be most useful. They said that although Japan could bomb a railway line as they do the Burma Road, the railroad bed would be almost as easy to repair as a highway and could be serviced during daylight hours, permitting trains to run only at night. Such a project, they said, would shorten the haul from Burma to Chungking by many days and increase the volume of shipments to the interior of China.

They asserted that as long as Japan's eyes remain fastened anxiously on Europe, and Russia continues to be suspicious of both Japan and Germany, China has a golden opportunity to build the railway without any major interference. Some experts estimated that it could be completed within a year.

Sale Of Gold Bonds

CHUNGKING, Mar. 24 (Reuters).—Mr Tu Chen-yuan, the chief engineer of the new Yunnan-Burma Railway, is already en route to the United States to negotiate with American railway interests concerning technical problems and also materials in connection with the Chinese Government's decision, to resume construction on the new railway.

It is understood that Mr Kwong Ping-shum, representative of the overseas Chinese in the United States, who is at present in Chungking to attend the National Peoples' Political Council, is shortly leaving for the United States to supervise the sale of gold bonds to the value of U.S.\$10,000,000 for construction of the railway.

N. Zealand Must Ship Less Meat To Britain

WELLINGTON, Mar. 23 (Reuters).—New Zealand's exports of meat will be drastically cut as the result of British Government decisions based on the shipping position.

The New Zealand Government has decided that New Zealand freezing works shall from to-morrow accept for freezing for export only lamb, prime beef and porker pigs up to 120 pounds.

Watchman Remanded

Ranjit Singh, 35, private watchman, was remanded for one week by Mr H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's Court on a charge of assaulting Lo Chi-him, 31, hawker, at Shuang's Circus, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo yesterday.

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Synopsis: I was in France, as a travelling companion, when I met Max de Winter. His fierce brooding over the death of his beautiful wife, Rebecca, was in contrast to my youthful buoyancy. We spent many hours together, and I fell in love with him. When my employer decided to leave, he suddenly asked me to marry him. I did, happily, and we went to his famous estate, Manderley. Everything about the place, and particularly the cold resentment of Mrs Danvers, the housekeeper, brought Rebecca to mind—and emphasized my own shortcomings as mistress of Manderley. Rebecca's cousin, Lucie, visited Mrs Danvers when Max was away. She was the only person I discovered from time to time in Rebecca's unused room spoke openly, in sinister tones, of the dead returning.

Chapter Four

The Manderley Masquerade Ball had been famous over the entire County, and in the past it was the most brilliant and social event of the season. Beatrice had spoken of it to Maxim, I knew, urging him to go. But when I told him he turned to me. It was as though Rebecca alone could play the hostess of Manderley.

Now I resolved to take my place at Manderley. Rebecca could no longer play the hostess, she was not even alive. It was incredible that she should remain so strong, even in death. I decided to fight her ghost. I merely thought that I would find a costume among the family portraits that would suit me. I was sketching a medieval costume in my room one day when Mrs Danvers appeared with some crumpled sketches in her hand. Robert had found them in the library, she said. I intend throwing them away. I told her what they were for.

"Would you consider it impertinent of me if I offered a suggestion?" she asked. I was surprised at her friendly tone, and replied that I would be only too glad to accept any suggestion she might make. She merely thought that you would find a costume among the family portraits that would suit you. I was sketching a medieval costume in my room one day when Mrs Danvers appeared with some crumpled sketches in her hand. Robert had found them in the library, she said. I intend throwing them away. I told her what they were for.

"You thought I was a fool, didn't you?" she said. "I was surprised at her friendly tone, and replied that I would be only too glad to accept any suggestion she might make. She merely thought that you would find a costume among the family portraits that would suit you. I was sketching a medieval costume in my room one day when Mrs Danvers appeared with some crumpled sketches in her hand. Robert had found them in the library, she said. I intend throwing them away. I told her what they were for."

"I'm very grateful to you."

The night of the Ball finally came, and I could hear the first sounds of the arriving guests as Charles helped me with my costume. I knew I looked quite nice. I went to the gallery, past the huge paintings of Maxim's ancestors. She stopped before one. "I've heard Mr de Winter say it's his favourite of all the paintings. It's Lady Caroline. She's the real Mrs de Winter—not you." The window came closer, and the air blowing the curtains. "Why don't you put on that dress?" she asked. "I could see the face of Manderley."

"I don't want to hear any more," I said. "You thought I was a fool, didn't you?" she said. "I was surprised at her friendly tone, and replied that I would be only too glad to accept any suggestion she might make. She merely thought that you would find a costume among the family portraits that would suit you. I was sketching a medieval costume in my room one day when Mrs Danvers appeared with some crumpled sketches in her hand. Robert had found them in the library, she said. I intend throwing them away. I told her what they were for."

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Navy and Army Assist Plymouth's Homeless

By R. H. PERCY

Special to the "Telegraph"

PLYMOUTH, Mar. 23 (UP).—The historic kinship between the naval forces and the citizens of Plymouth was made manifest to-day when the navy opened its own stores to supply the town-folk with emergency rations and arranged to feed a large number of the homeless people.

Unwilling to be outdone, the military authorities provided a number of cooking stoves which enabled the homeless to enjoy a Sunday dinner.

Civilian authorities sent supplies of butter, tea, margarine and bread, so that the situation is not acute.

Salvors and troops joined in the demolition and rescue work which has proceeded for 60 hours unceasingly since the city was first blitzed. They continue to uncover bodies of the dead who were buried beneath debris, while documents and other valuables were saved. Unsafe buildings are being destroyed.

A number of children under ten years of age were killed when a bomb destroyed a small hospital. The evacuation of numerous civilians by trains and buses to other parts of Britain continues. Mobile canteens are giving excellent service. A Y.M.C.A. unit has been established outside a large bombed hotel. It borrowed the hotel's crockery and has expanded its business.

Lady Astor's House Hit
PLYMOUTH, Mar. 23 (UP).—German time bombs behind Lady Astor's house on the Hoe exploded to-day causing considerable damage to the back of the building. Lady Astor and all other members of the household evacuated some time before.

The King's Message
PLYMOUTH, Mar. 23 (UP).—His Majesty the King, who had departed from Plymouth a few hours before the German blitz, to-day sent a message to the Mayor, Lady Astor, saying: "After our happy day, the Queen and I were deeply distressed to hear what you have been through last night. Whatever the people of Ply-

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6.32 French Programme with Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Working Together.

7.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado."

8.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 This week's programmes.

8.03 Piano-Accordion Solos by George Scott-Wood.

Song of Songs (Moya), Speak to Me of Love (Lenoir), Stars Over Devon (Flynn and Egan).

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 A Programme of Old English Music.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.0 London Relay—News from Home by Howard Marshall.

10.15 Excerpts from Ivor Novello's Shows.

10.30 Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks 1,340 ea.
H.K. Banks 74 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) 77 n.
Chartered 84 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. 214 n.
Mercantile C. 104 n.
East Asiatic 70 b.

INSURANCE
Cantons 220 b.
Union 425 b.
China Underwriters 1 n.
H.K. Fire 170 b.

SHIPPING
Douglas 135 n.
Steamboats 9 n.
Indo-China P. & S. 80 n.
Indo-China D. 08 n.
Shell (Boatmen) s/- 41/3 n.
Waterboats 7 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves 04 n.
Docks (old) 104 b. & ca.
Docks (new) 15.05 b.
Providents 54 b.
Shal Dockyards 20 n.

MINING
Kailan s/- 15/- n.
Rahos s.x.d. 8 n.
H.K. Mines 14 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels 310 b.
Lands s.x.d. 314 b.
Lands 4% Debentures 874 n.
Shal Lands Sh. 11.00 n.
Humphreys 6.70 b.
H.K. Realities s.x.d. 2.05 b.
Chinese Estates 100 n.

UTILITIES
Trams S. (old) 104 b.
Peaks Trams (old) 74 n.
Peak Trams (new) 34 n.
Y. Ferries 244 n.
China Lights (old) 6.20 b.
China Lights (new) 1.074 n.
H.K. Electric s. cr. 39.00 n.
Macao Electric (new) 16.80 b.
Macao Electric (old) 17.80 b.
Sundakan Lights 12 n.
Telephones (old) 24.30 b. & ca.
Telephones (new) 0 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macg. (Ord.), Sh. s. 30 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.), Sh. s. 25 n.
Canton Tees 1 n.
Cements 174 n.
H.K. Ropes s.x.d. 7.40 s.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms 18 n.
Watsons 11 b.
Lane Crawford's 774 n.
Sincere s. 2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) 30 n.
Powell Ltd. s. 1.80 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. s. 48 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. s. 185 n.

MISC.
H.K. Govt. 4% 97 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940) 94 b.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940) 94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.S.Bds. 42 n.
H.K. Entertainment 7 b.
Constructions (old) 1.60 n.
Constructions (new) 1 n.
Vibro Piling s.x.d. 7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/- 0/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 2/6 n.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WAR FUND

A total of \$1,745,490.00 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. M. Post Ltd., with the following donations:

Sale of Scrap (tenth donation) \$ 10
Chicken Feed (weekly donation) 17
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EMERGENCY COUNCIL
The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Emergency Relief Council:
Sympathisers (Dist donation) \$10.

Seaman Complainant

Mr. G. T. Lowe, of Central Magistracy this morning remanded until to-morrow, Kwong Ping, 24, unemployed, charged with stealing a Parker pencil from Mr. Hans Tomstad, of the steamship Prominent, at Connaught Road, Central, near Blake Pier, on March 23, and with assaulting Complainant. Defendant pleaded not guilty to both charges.

MATSUOKA IN MOSCOW: REITERATES JAPAN'S ADHESION TO THE AXIS

MOSCOW, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Members of the diplomatic missions of all countries which have so far adhered to the Three-Power Pact met Mr Yosuko Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, at the station on his arrival here this afternoon on route to Berlin.

The Soviet Government was represented, among others, by M. Lozovsky, the Vice-Foreign Minister, and M. Parapkin, head of the Japanese Department of the Foreign Commissariat.

The German Ambassador, Count von Schulenburg, arrived late. He apologised to Mr Matsuoka in English.

Mr Matsuoka will pay a courtesy call on M. Molotov tomorrow and will leave for Berlin and Rome to-morrow night.

Japanese circles here indicate that he is expected to return via Moscow on April.

The crowd at the station platform had a long wait for the Japanese Foreign Minister's arrival, which was delayed two hours by a blizzard which has been blowing for the past two days.

No Special Object

MOSCOW, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Mr Matsuoka, said in an interview with the Press, "The fundamental interests of nations decide their policy in the long run but peace or war may sometimes be decided by personal acquaintance."

He then recalled that he was invited during a telephone call from Herr von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, to visit the Axis capitals after signature of the tripartite pact last September. He mentioned that he had a lengthy conversation with Signor Mussolini eight years ago and also met Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, in Shanghai, but he had had no chance to make the acquaintance of the German leaders.

Mr Matsuoka said, "The foreign policy of Japan will revolve round the tripartite pact. It is natural for me as the Japanese Foreign Minister who helped to conclude the pact, to visit the German leaders. I have no particular aim in mind in coming to Europe. I may have a chance to make personal observation on the situation in western Europe and especially of the war now going on."

The Minister said he had no fixed itinerary but he did not want to be absent from Japan longer than six weeks. He had been shown every possible courtesy in Moscow and he would like to see them if he had time.

Mr Matsuoka said that no tour of the western battlefields was yet included on his programme but he would like to see them if he had time.

U. S. Press Plea

Win The War, Effort

ATLANTA, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The "Atlanta Constitution" states: "This country is today at war against the Axis Powers" we are emphatically furnishing arms to the warriors and are thereby as much a part of the war effort as the workers in the arms factories of Britain herself.

"This nation is not likely to enter the war as an active belligerent." The "Florida Tribune" says: "Now that we are in the war, since March 15, it is urgent that everybody exert the utmost help to win it. The words of the President have put the Dictators on notice that we are going to do everything we can to help beat them—and that is a declaration of war in any language."

Desperate Hitler
NEW YORK, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The "Charlotte Observer" says: "Hitler knows that the world knows and that his own people know that something has gone wrong; that he has not been winning the war according to schedule; that Great Britain has thwarted his purposes in the British Isles and Africa, and that the Greeks have sorely disappointed him in the south-east."

"A large part of the world knows and some of his own people may know that for the last several months he has been acting like a desperate man of thwarted purpose who could not decide which way to turn next."

Australia-China

CHUNGKING, Mar. 24 (Reuter).—An announcement is expected very soon that China and Australia have decided on normal diplomatic relations with an exchange of Ministers, says the "China Times," which adds that such a step would strengthen the friendly relations and commercial ties between the two countries.

Police Officer Charged With Driving Offences

Further evidence against Police Sergeant Peter Oliver Guild, who is summoned for driving a car in a dangerous manner on the wrong side of a bend in Repulse Bay Road and for allegedly driving a car while under the influence of drink, was heard by Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant was represented by Mr J. M. D'Almada Remedios. The prosecution was conducted by Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke. Col F. R. Shaw, R.A., who was involved in the accident with Defendant, said that he was driving his car near Repulse Bay at a speed of about 15 m.p.h. Just before a bend, a car coming from the opposite direction collided with his. The other car driven by the Defendant was on the wrong side of the road and was travelling at a fairly fast rate.

Col Shaw said that after the accident, Defendant staggered out of his car. He formed the opinion that Defendant was drunk by the way he was staggering because he smelled of liquor.

Cross-examined by Remedios, Col Shaw said he spoke to Defendant after the accident but the only answer he received was a mumble.

K. Kaluzhny, assistant manager of the Repulse Bay Hotel, said that on February 23, the day in question, he saw Defendant drinking at the Hotel bar between 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. He later found that Defendant had signed cheques for alcoholic drinks and cigarettes to the amount of \$11. When he last saw Defendant he appeared to be under the influence of drink.

Cross-examined, Mr Kaluzhny said he did not notice that Defendant had a lady friend with him at the bar.

Mr H. B. Santos, reception clerk, of Repulse Bay Hotel, said he saw

CHINESE BESIEGING KAOAN

To Retake City From Enemy

SHANGKAO, Mar. 23 (Central News).—The Chinese counter-attack in northern Kiangsi is progressing satisfactorily.

Violent fighting is raging in the outskirts of Kaoan where the Japanese are being subjected to vigorous attacks. Following the recovery of Hwelfow and other strategic points near Kaoan on March 20, the Chinese are laying siege to the city itself. Indicative of the severe nature of the fighting in which more than 6,000 Japanese troops are participating, enemy casualties are estimated at 1,000 dead. The Chinese have also captured many prisoners and large stores of ammunition.

Trapped In Boats

Under the cover of darkness on the night of March 19 a large Japanese contingent attempted to steal a march across the river Kan in Chinese boats and steam launches to attack Fengcheng. When halfway across the river, they were shelled by Chinese shore batteries on the opposite bank and many of the vessels were sunk with all the men and munitions on board.

More than 500 Japanese were killed and numerous prisoners were taken following a severe engagement on March 20 near Shengcheng on the southern bank of the Chiu River. The Chinese also seized war booty including machine-guns and more than 200 rifles. They are continuing attacks on the city.

In South China

SHUIKWAN, Mar. 23 (Central News).—Fighting has again flared up in scattered parts of Hainan Island where the Japanese are renewing attacks.

A Japanese detachment which pushed toward Fanyangtung south of Wutishan, northern Hainan, on March 19 was engaged by the Chinese and suffered numerous losses. Another column driving southward from Chanshan on the north-western coast on March 17 was intercepted and beaten back. A third column is now locked in fighting near Shihpi-shih where the Chinese are putting up a strong resistance.

Minor operations are also reported on the southern Kwangtung coast but the Japanese advance is being effectively checked. On March 20, a large Japanese detachment, north-east of Shumchun, pushed from Hwangkong to Lungkong north of Po On. Following a severe engagement with the Chinese lasting several hours, the Japanese were thrown back to Lungkong with losses.

Growing R.A.F. Superiority

LONDON, Mar. 23 (British Wire- less).—The growing R.A.F. superiority is shown in the results of air encounters in various theatres of war during the week ended at dawn on Saturday, March 22.

The figures are: Over and around Britain.—German losses, six; British losses, three (two pilots are safe). Over enemy territory.—German losses, three; British, two. In Middle East.—Axis losses, 23; Imperial losses, six (one pilot is safe). H.M. ships meanwhile destroyed one enemy aircraft during the week ended noon on Saturday, March 22.

Guns Crash As Nation Kneels in Prayer

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—To-day was observed by the wish of the King as a national day of prayer. All over Britain, people knelt to dedicate themselves anew to the crusade against tyranny.

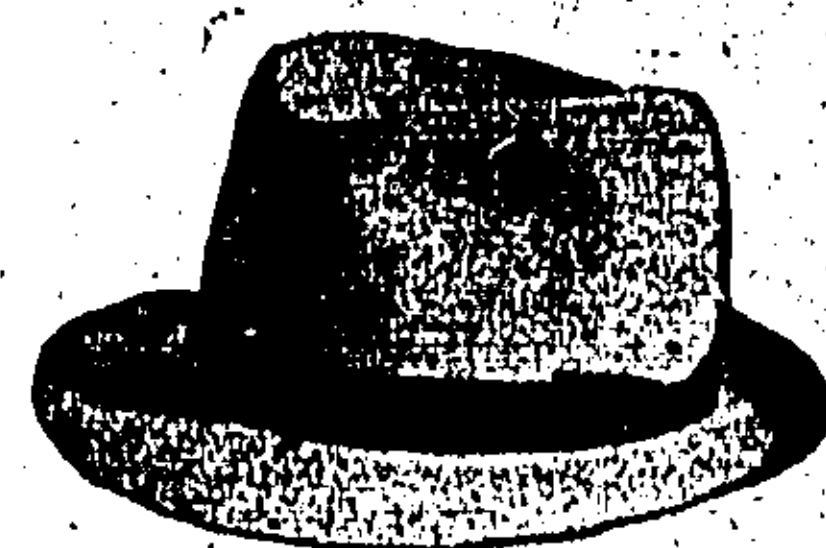
The King and the Queen and the Princesses, attended one service with the local residents. There were 1,500 in the crypt under St Paul's Cathedral and thousands of Catholics filed into Westminster Cathedral as Mass was said every half hour throughout the morning.

Millions gathered in churches, chapels and synagogues and Salvation Army citadels. Often, they raised their heads in prayer to see the scars inflicted by bomb and fire and shattered windows. In the middle of a North Scotland service, nearby guns crashed out and brought down a German bomber. The service continued amid the din and none of the congregation left.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, broadcasting in the evening, said: "Have we not reason to feel exalted by the thought that it has been given to us of this generation to maintain the greatest cause ever entrusted to this nation? Think of the millions in the countries now enslaved by the enemy who are longing for the victory of our arms to bring them deliverance. Think of the unbroken unity of will and purpose which binds the whole British nation—together and of the cheering successes already won."

Cardinal Hinsley, broadcasting, said: "In this deadly conflict, we are pitted against the powers of darkness which have unleashed a Satanic campaign against God—against not only the revealed religion of Christ but against natural religion in which the reason of man may find justice, truth and brotherhood. For or against God—that is now the supreme issue of this conflict."

Overseas Observance
LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—His Majesty's request that to-day should be observed as a day of prayer was observed in the Empire countries. Messages sent that special services were held in almost every town and village throughout South Africa while in India prayers in Moslem Mosques and Hindu temples joined those in



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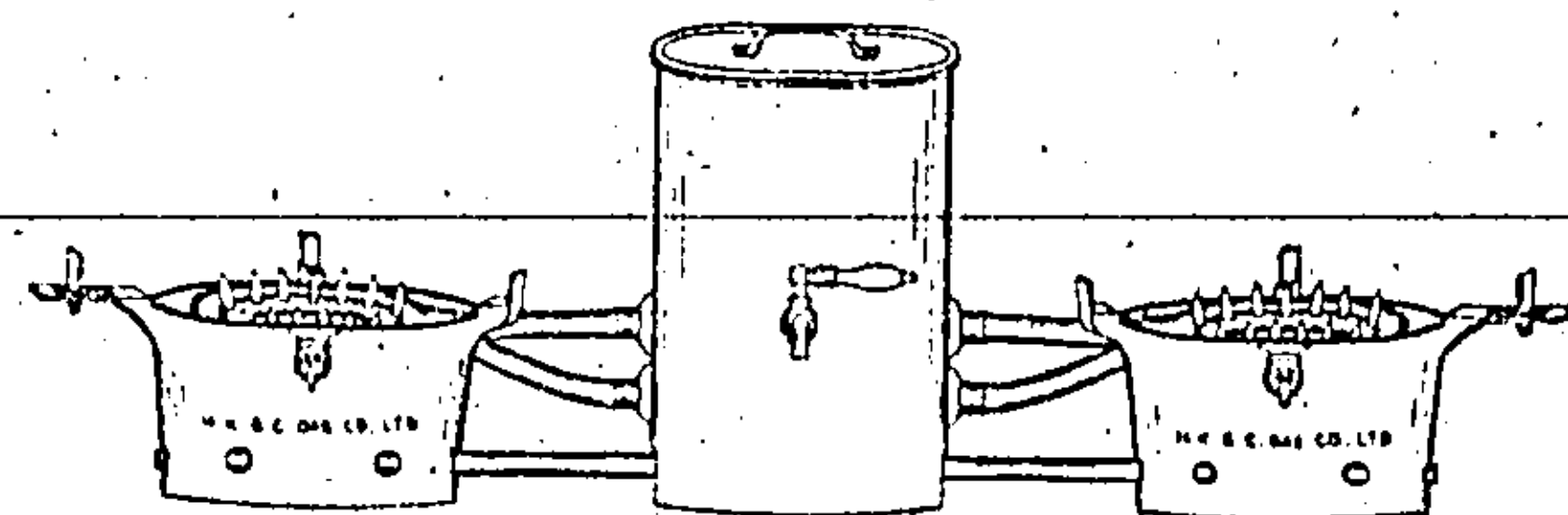
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ALBANIA: GREEKS Press

—Italians Dig In
LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Following the failure of their big offensive, the Italians are now "digging themselves in" frantically on the Albanian front, according to statements by prisoners quoted by the Athens radio to-night.

Bewildered officers strive desperately to reorganise their scattered forces. Earth-works are hastily being thrown up along positions in front of Tepelini, to which they have been thrown back in disorder by the Greeks.

Meanwhile, fighting is now on a small scale though on both sides artillery is active.

Malta Hits Back

MALTA, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—At least three enemy bombers were destroyed and others were damaged in raids on Malta during the week-end. Two enemy losses are officially confirmed.

'WARE EIRE

If England Falls Irish Lose Their Freedom

BOSTON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The "Boston Post" reports that Senator Joseph P. Mahoney, in a speech to the Boston Charitable Irish Society, said: "If England falls, there will be no freedom for the people of Ireland nor for the people of America. It will be necessary for ten generations the burden of armament so that the dictators shall not be permitted to strike down the liberties and institutions which Irishmen everywhere revere."

American Planes Reach Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 23 (UP).—The Ministry of Aircraft Production today revealed that it is now receiving deliveries of four-engined aircraft which are being flown from the United States. The Consolidated Liberator is the first type to arrive.

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

South China Favoured For Shield Final

St Joseph's Trounced 7-1 In Causeway Bay Semi-Final

(By "SCRAMBLER")

SOUTH CHINA ENTERED THE FINAL of the Senior Shield yesterday at the expense of St Joseph's College whom they trounced at Causeway Bay by seven goals to one. They were far superior in every department of the game, and with the exception of the first few minutes, they subjected the Saints' goal to continuous raids.

Upper Hand Throughout

South China were better able to play as a combination, whereas the Saints were very loose in attack. The form displayed by the winners augurs well for their match against the Navy, and it was their exhibition of team play in the second half that kept spectators' interest alive. From the start they had the Saints well under control, and were always masters of the situation.

But for the fine work put in by Hussain, Bowen, Guy and Leonard in the defence, the losers would have gone down still heavier, as it was their robust and untiring efforts that stopped South China from scoring on many occasions. Hussain and Bowen formed a steady pair of backs, and because of the work neglected by their wing halves, they were called upon to perform extra duties, which were executed to their credit.

Guy worked tirelessly throughout, but found the close passing game of the winners much too fast for him. He used his head to good advantage, and his long passes to his wingers were not accepted by the latter on numerous occasions. Both Leonard and Castille worked hard, the former was seen in many a tussle against the crafty Chinese inside trio, but both were prone to leave their respective wingers too much unmarked.

In attack, the Saints lacked cohesion. There were far too many individual efforts seen, the wingers were deplorably weak, and Roach on the extreme right was more of a passenger than a player throughout. Santos was the best of the inside trio, and put in his usual share of work. MacDonald was hard working, but was unable to combine with his men. Gomes worked unobtrusively throughout.

Usual Form

As usual, South China played well as a team, and it would be hard to single out any individual for special mention. The backs were sound and steady, positioning themselves well, while the middle line were always ready to lend a hand both in attack and defence. The good work put in by the intermediate trio, often had the Saints attack live in the wrong foot. The attacking five were in deadly form, each one having a share in the goals scored. They combined well and were able to offset the robust

tackling of Saints' defenders by alternating their play with long and short passes.

Lee Wai-long led them well, and it was again the crafty Chow Man-chi who held the eye with his clever footwork. Chan Tak-fai was a great opportunist and both wingers, Lee Tak-kee and Lee Shek-yau were seen to good advantage with their fast runs down the side lines, and many good centres.

Early Lead

THE SAINTS obtained an early lead when Guy converted from the "spot-kick" for hands against Tse Kam-hung after three minutes' play. After this, South China went into the attack, and only the keen anticipation of Sammy Tsang saved them from going down. With pressure being kept up, South China attacked, and Guy was penalised for handling in the area. Lee Wai-long made no mistake from the resultant kick.

South China were definitely on the ascendancy after this. The Saints attacked loosely, and rarely were they able to get within shooting distance. South China took the lead when Chan Tak-fai sent in a fast grounder about forty yards out that had Sammy Tsang beaten all the way. Soon after Lee Wai-long again scored from the "spot-kick" for hands against Hussain.

Only S. China

Sammy Tsang was called upon to save from Lee Wai-long from a free kick outside the area and after the interval there was only South China in the picture, who indulged in a series of well executed movements in one of which Lee Shek-yau centred across nicely for Chow Man-chi to crash the ball into the net.

Both Tam Kwan-hon and Sammy Tsang came into the scenes with well timed saves, and both keepers were in fine form and played up well. With the Saints' defence concentrating on Lee Wai-long, the centre forward slipped the ball to the unmarked Lee Tak-kee who made no mistake with a fast

Golf

A.A. Lopes Wins Country Club Championship

TAKING his second successive championship title at the Country Club, A. A. Lopes beat A. W. Ramsey at the 37th hole in the 36-holes final yesterday.

Lopes was dormie 2, after being 1 up at the 18th, but Ramsey took the last two holes in par figures to even the match for 36 holes. He badly topped his drive for the 37th, while Lopes went down in par 4 to win.

On Saturday, Ramsey eliminated R. E. Lee 2 and 1 in the semi-finals.

Mixed Foursomes

Two matches were played in the Mixed Foursomes. The results were: T. Y. C. Lee and A. Williams beat H. A. Alves and Mrs. Leo D'Almada 3 and 2.

J. B. Macle and Miss M. C. Churn beat A. R. Pinna and Miss A. Sequeira 1 up.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt

THE PAPER HUNT held by the Cottage Club on Saturday was won by L. G. Perkins, who came home first on Restus.

The Rev. Samson-Strong was second on Gold Currency and Paul Calveraro third on Mistral.

The hunt, which was led by Lieut J. P. Gunner, was across grassy country over a distance of some eight miles.

Towards the end of the game, the Saints tried their hardest to reduce the arrears, but the good work of the Chinese defence kept them out.

The Saints' wingers were sent away on many occasions but were weak in their parting shots. Further goals were scored by Lee Shek-yau and Chan Tak-fai to put South China seven up.

SAINT JOSEPH'S: Sammy Tsang; Hussain, Bowen; Castilho, Guy, Leonard; Roach, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes, Flanders.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-long, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.



Chan Tak-fai heading the ball into the St Joseph's goal during the South China-Saints semi-final Shield match yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

Cash Sweep Winners

Happy Valley Results

RACE 1
No. 3448 \$2,330.00
" 2831 600.00
" 705 404.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4843, 5921, 1833, 3934, 1820, 2933, 2762, 1434, 6116, 1462.

RACE 2
No. 240 \$3,134.60
" 4024 605.60
" 1075 447.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2332, 229, 299, 6377, 232, 6031, 6469.

RACE 3
No. 212 \$3,313.10
" 2077 646.60
" 1075 472.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 129, 4720, 6117, 6207, 6630, 6120, 3650, 6336, 2121.

RACE 4
No. 1083 \$3,377.50
" 1277 603.00
" 1322 482.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 337, 4443, 1037, 1533, 4132, 2742, 7104, 678, 3301, 5364.

RACE 5
No. 4664 \$3,462.20
" 5240 609.20
" 5017 464.60
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 7567, 1015, 2703, 5544, 5750, 623, 148, 4303, 3890.

RACE 6
No. 7406 \$3,581.90
" 6764 612.40
" 6188 512.70
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1677, 1029, 3550, 3567, 7174, 4247, 7209.

RACE 7
No. 666 \$3,506.00
" 1620 1,027.00
" 2510 613.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4002, 0466, 7538, 2974, 2391, 726, 2334, 2091.

RACE 8
No. 3666 \$3,696.00
" 2170 1,036.00
" 4066 629.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 7073, 4610, 1434, 7346, 2333, 4075, 6389, 1073.

RACE 9
No. 7622 \$7,312.00
" 4866 2,009.40
" 5310 1,044.70
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 2699, 1247, 4013, 2230, 6327, 6611, 6616.

Lucky Numbers At Fanling

RACE 1
No. 888 \$314.52
" 608 232.72
" 62 116.30
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 609, 694.

RACE 2
No. 1207 \$600.14
" 1508 312.10
" 393 106.60
Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): Nos. 624, 359, 110, 27, 405, 216, 673, 1106, 832.

RACE 3
No. 634 \$970.42
" 103 239.55
" 601 139.70
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 81, 605, 711, 163.

RACE 4
No. 5043 \$24,943.40
" 4304 1,120.71
" 450 5,563.95
Unplaced ponies (\$494.21 each): Nos. 10170, 21705, 12416, 16238, 51037, 23916, 43346, 22313.

RACE 5
No. 260 \$1,094.01
" 809 312.10
" 013 156.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 690, 709, 228.

RACE 6
No. 110 \$1,050.55
" 268 300.16
" 69 150.08
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 350, 1114, 90, 334, 114.

SPORTS - ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax for all persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
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Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

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Second Extra Race Meeting
Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 p.m. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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Softball

Wildcats Win Girls' League Pennant

V.R.C. Take Junior Honours

WILDCATS won the Girls' softball pennant at the Kowloon Football Club yesterday when, before a moderate crowd and in tropic heat, they beat the Canuckettes 9-7.

V.R.C. took honours in the Junior League, beating the Chung Hwa 16-3, and thus earning promotion into the first division next season.

Scores at a glance:

GIRLS	
Wahoos	13 Panthers 7
Wildcats	9 Canuckettes 7

MAJOR LEAGUE

Cyclones	3 Chinese 9
Mohawks	10 Canucks 1

MINOR LEAGUE

V.R.C. 16 Chung Hwa 3
CANUCKETTES took the lead in the second frame and with a second run in the third led by 2-0. But after the Wildcats had been at bat, the latter were leading 4-2 at the end of the third stanza.

This slight lead they maintained to the end. It was in the fourth frame that they clinched the issue when four further runs were scored, and though Canuckettes came back with two in the fifth, and three in the seventh (the last inning) Wildcats secured one more run in the sixth, and did not bat the last inning.

Junior Rout

V.R.C. routed Chung Hwa 16-3. Jock Brown clouted a circuit hit with bases loaded in the fifth. Chung Hwa scored 1-1-1 in the first three innings, but thereafter faded from the picture. V.R.C.'s scoring sequence was 4-4-3-1-4-0-X.

Championship Badminton To-night

To-night's Championship badminton schedule is as follows:

AT KOWLOON C.C.
7 p.m.—Mixed Doubles, P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v. J. Odell and Miss J. Choa.

7.30 p.m.—Senior Singles, C. Au v. F. Koh.

8.15 p.m.—Men's Senior Doubles, S. Ampley and C.K. Cheah v. M. P. and Y. P. Young.

9 p.m.—Mixed Doubles, P. K. Hool and Miss U. Khoo v. J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva.

9.45 p.m.—Junior Singles, R. M. Lavalle v. Peter Lo.

Pearce, who took 8 for 30, and were all out for 71.

Scores were:
5th A.A.—18 (Lt. Clague 31, Lt. J. L. C. Pearce 27, Bdr. Barsby 24, Boocock 6 for 52, Emberson 4 for 53).

R.A.O.C.—71 (Lt. Cpl. Pinder 27, T. A. Pearce 8 for 30).

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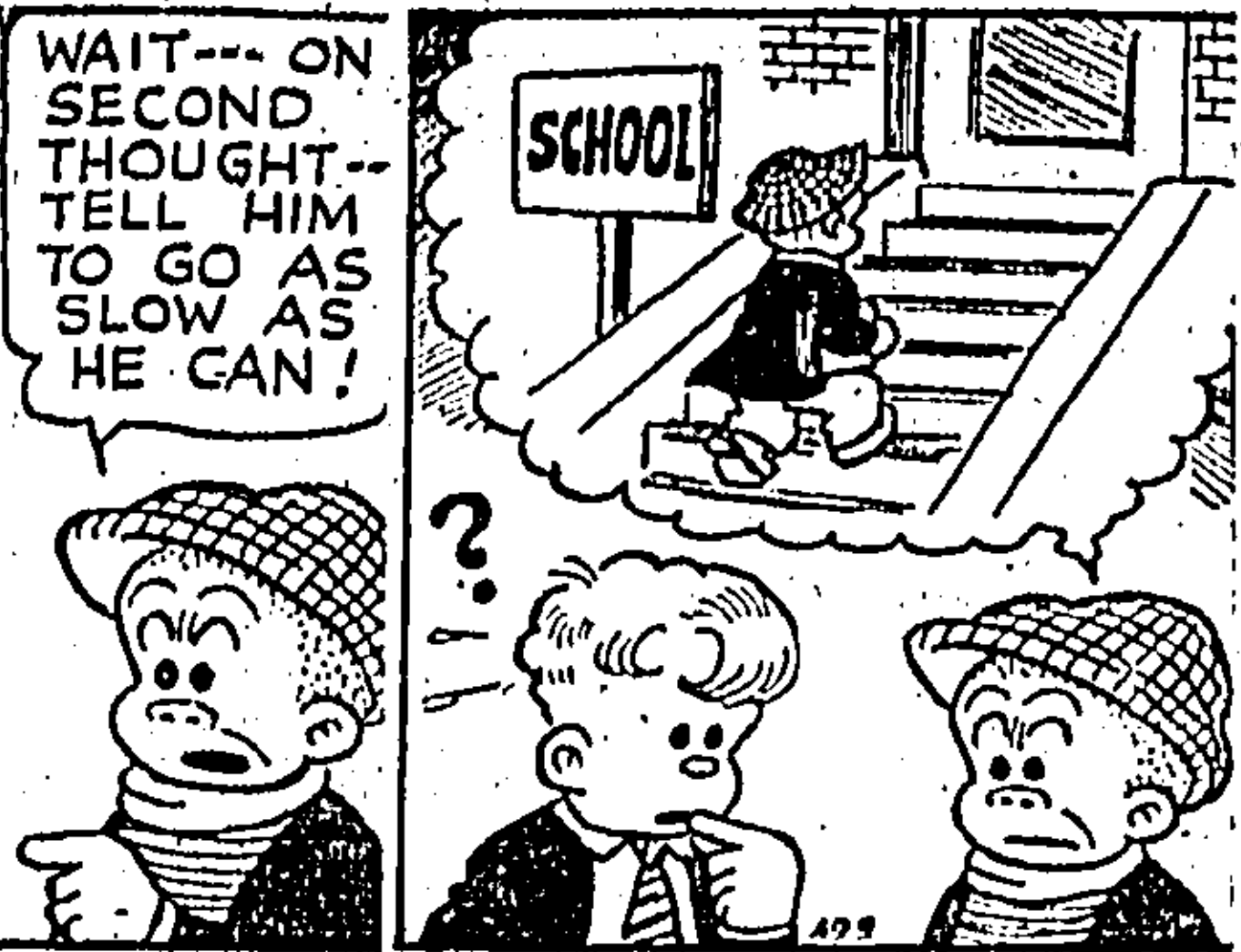
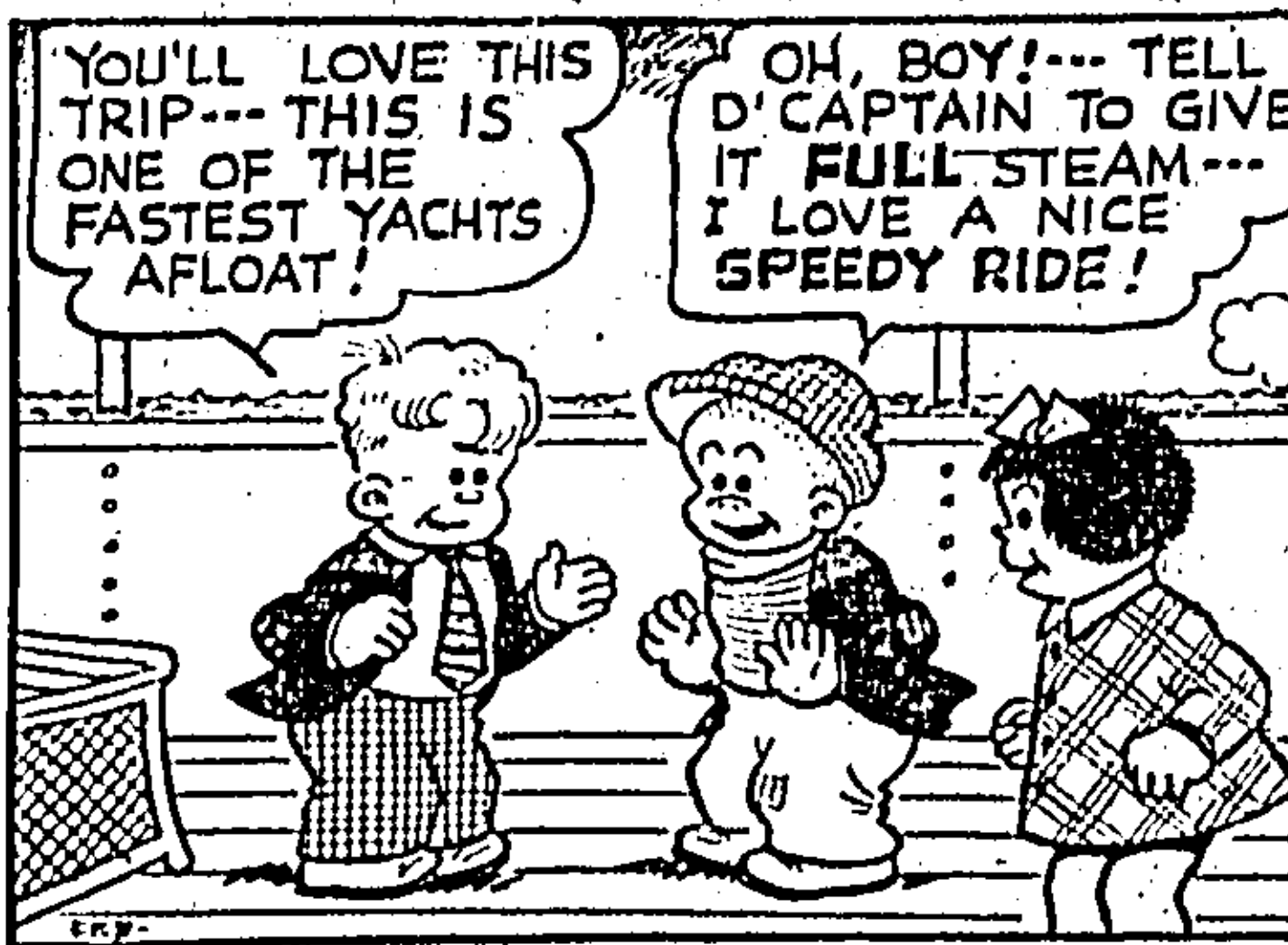
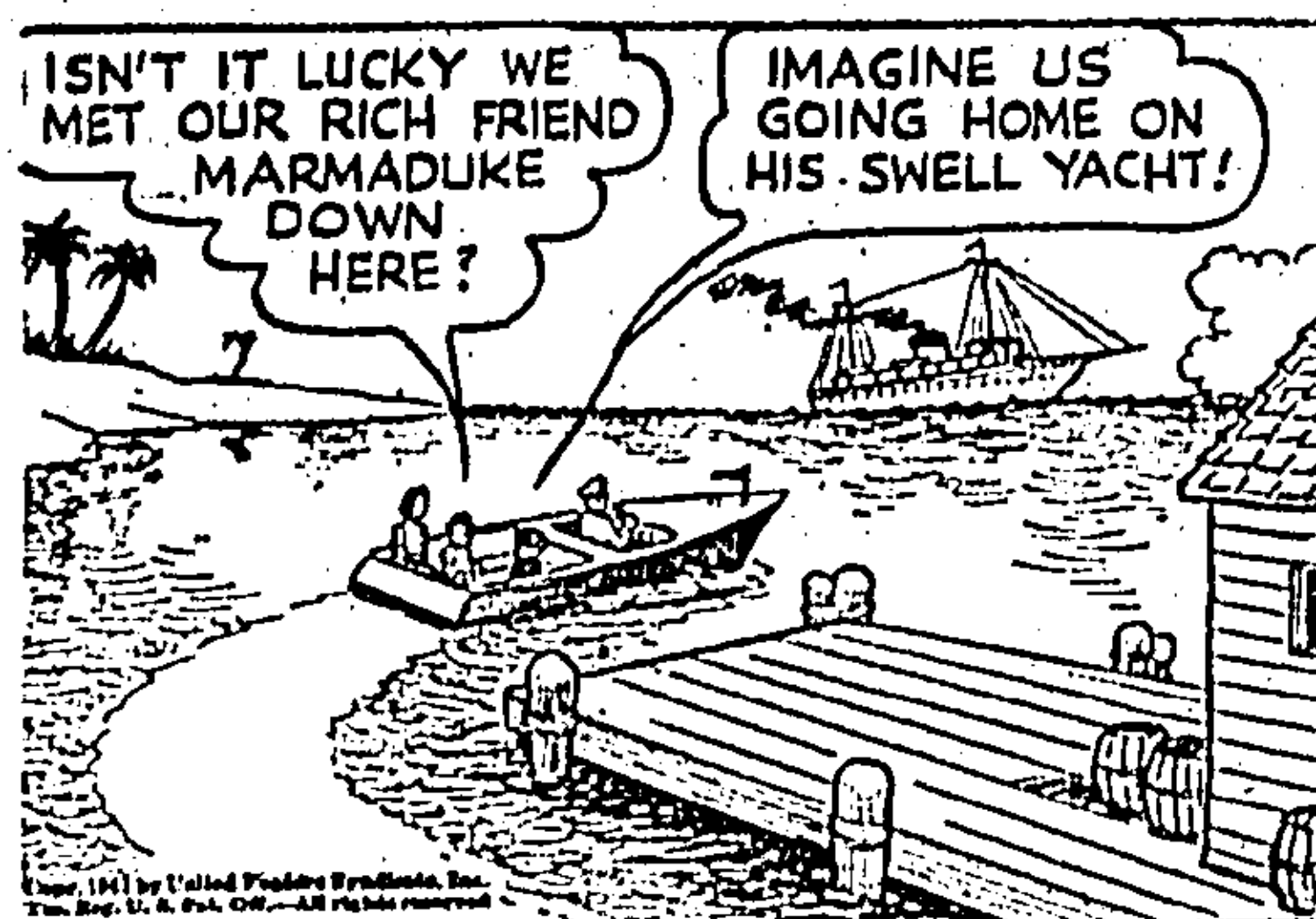
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Smashing Blows By R.A.F. In Italian E. Africa

CAIRO, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Intense aerial activity in Italian East Africa in support of the army operations is reported in an R.A.F. communique.

R.A.F. bombers and fighters have repeatedly attacked the enemy positions in the Keren area.

The railway station at Asmara was heavily attacked yesterday and during the raid British fighters engaged a number of Fiat fighters and shot down two in flames.

There other Fiat fighters were destroyed in the same area on the previous day by the same squadron.

In the Gondar area, fires were started among buildings following an attack by R.A.F. bombers on barracks and warehouses.

Trains Destroyed

South African Air Force bombers attacked trains on the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway, destroying at least one train which burned out after receiving a direct hit from a salvo of bombs.

R.A.F. bombers also machine-gunned trains at Addis and Gola, and bombed and machine-gunned a large concentration of enemy transport on the road between Urso and Awash and enemy positions in the Marda Pass.

A large formation of enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, raided Malta yesterday but were chased out to sea by British fighters.

One British fighter was shot down by a Messerschmitt, which in turn was destroyed by another British aircraft.

Raids On N. France

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Coastal Command aircraft paid a visit to the French coast this morning, destroyed a German barrack block at the port of Quiberon, the submarine base in Brittany, and scored a direct hit on an enemy escort vessel near Brest.

No British aircraft is missing from these operations, adds the Air Ministry.

Cajoling Of Hollanders

Loyalty To Reich

BERLIN, Mar. 23 (UP).—The "Deutsche Zeitung" in Neidermanden to-day publishes an article urging the Netherlands authorities to show loyalty to the German army of occupation. It said, "A Dutch official's authority emanates from the German authorities, and he is obliged to be loyal towards them."

Appealing to the Dutch people to cease thinking of the past, the article says, "The Dutch people should recognise the task they have to fulfil. It will depend upon the solution of these problems whether or not the Dutch people will be received as full members of the community about to be formed amongst the European peoples."

Dr. Wellington Koo Writes Of France

CHUNGKING, Mar. 23 (Central News).—The privations and hardships of the people of France are revealed in a letter received here recently from Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to France.

Writing from Vichy, Dr. Koo said that the Chinese Embassy is now housed in a large restaurant there but the staff members of the Embassy have to put up with many inconveniences. Bread in France is rationed, each person being entitled only to 8 lbs. a week, while butter is practically unobtainable. The ration of meat for a person is four ounces a week.

The letter also revealed that there is a keen shortage of articles of

HINT OF AGGRESSIVE SPAIN

Pep Talk On Usual Lines

MADRID, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Spain's ability to retain a neutral position in the present war was yesterday given special emphasis in the first official Spanish reference to foreign policy since the passing of the American Lense and Lend Bill.

The Under-Secretary of the Press and Propaganda Ministry, Senor Antonio Tovar, who accompanied the Foreign Secretary, Senor Serrano Suner, to Germany and Italy recently, said: "The serious risks are inherent in our geographical position. We cannot live unarmored or unwatchful."

Wants To Emerge

Senor Tovar added that Spain today wanted to emerge from centuries of retirement. Hitler's present actions recalled those of Napoleon but whereas Napoleon was a scourge for Spain, Hitler was a scourge for those who had reduced Spain to a third-class power—France and England.

daily use. Dr. Koo said that he wanted to buy a shirt but could not obtain one in either Vichy or Lyons. The shoes worn by Frenchmen these days are so badly made that they are just like slippers.

Organising New Zealand For War

WELLINGTON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).

As a result of the activities of the delegation from New Zealand to the Eastern Group Conference at New Delhi, a group of British technicians has examined the industrial possibilities of New Zealand with a view to assisting the Empire war effort in requirements overseas as well as in the defence of the Dominion.

These experts are reporting their findings to the British Government who will in due course establish a programme for fulfilment by New Zealand.

Every week sees greater development in the country's war effort. A number of engineering firms are producing war material of all kinds. Government workshops are busy making Bren gun carriers and trench mortars. The output of small arms and ammunition will shortly be doubled to meet the requirements of New Zealand's armed forces.

War material for the navy is also in an advanced stage of production. Minesweepers are being constructed at Auckland to meet the immediate requirements of the navy.

Bulgarians On Rations

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Butter, vegetable oils and lard will be rationed in Bulgaria next week and cards for that purpose will be issued to the populace, states a Sofia report quoted by the Moscow radio.

A shortage of foodstuffs, the radio adds, is now noticeable in the Bulgarian capital where beef is almost unobtainable and the sale of bread is rigorously restricted.

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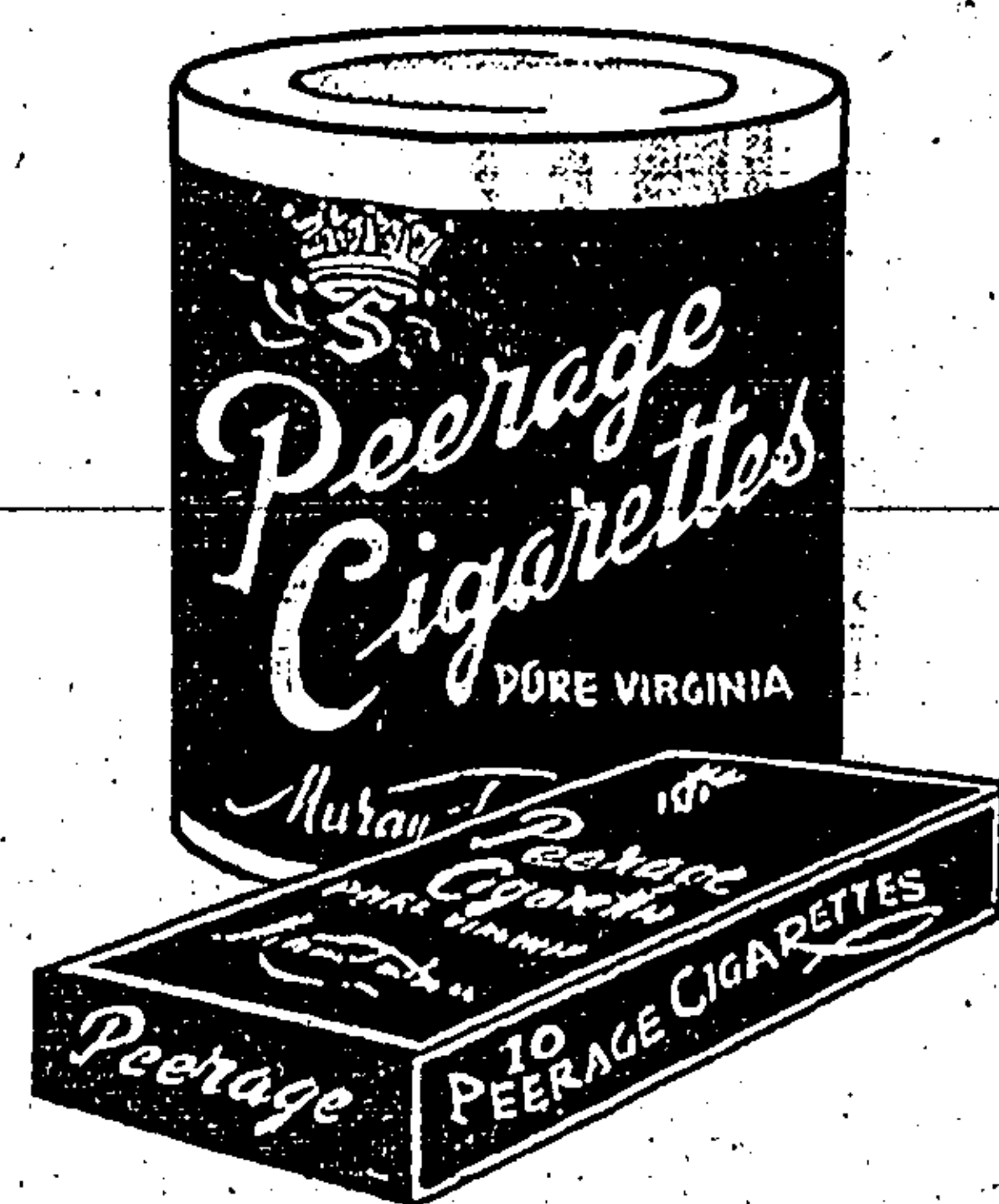
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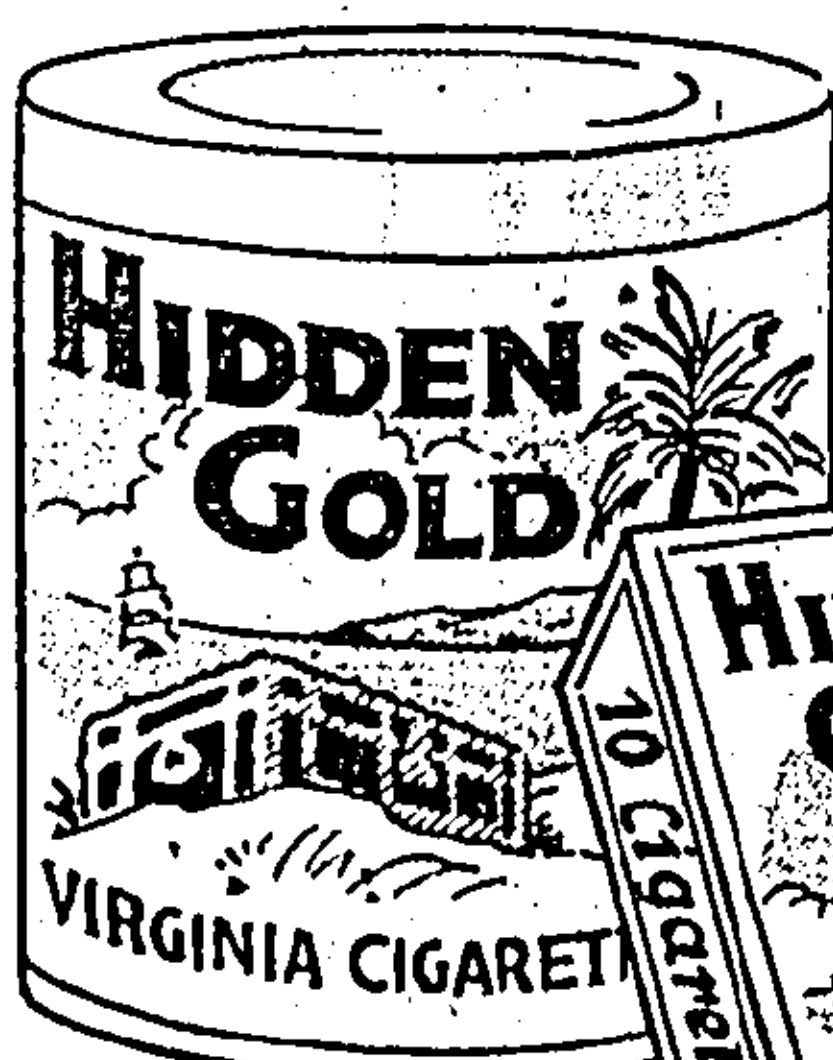
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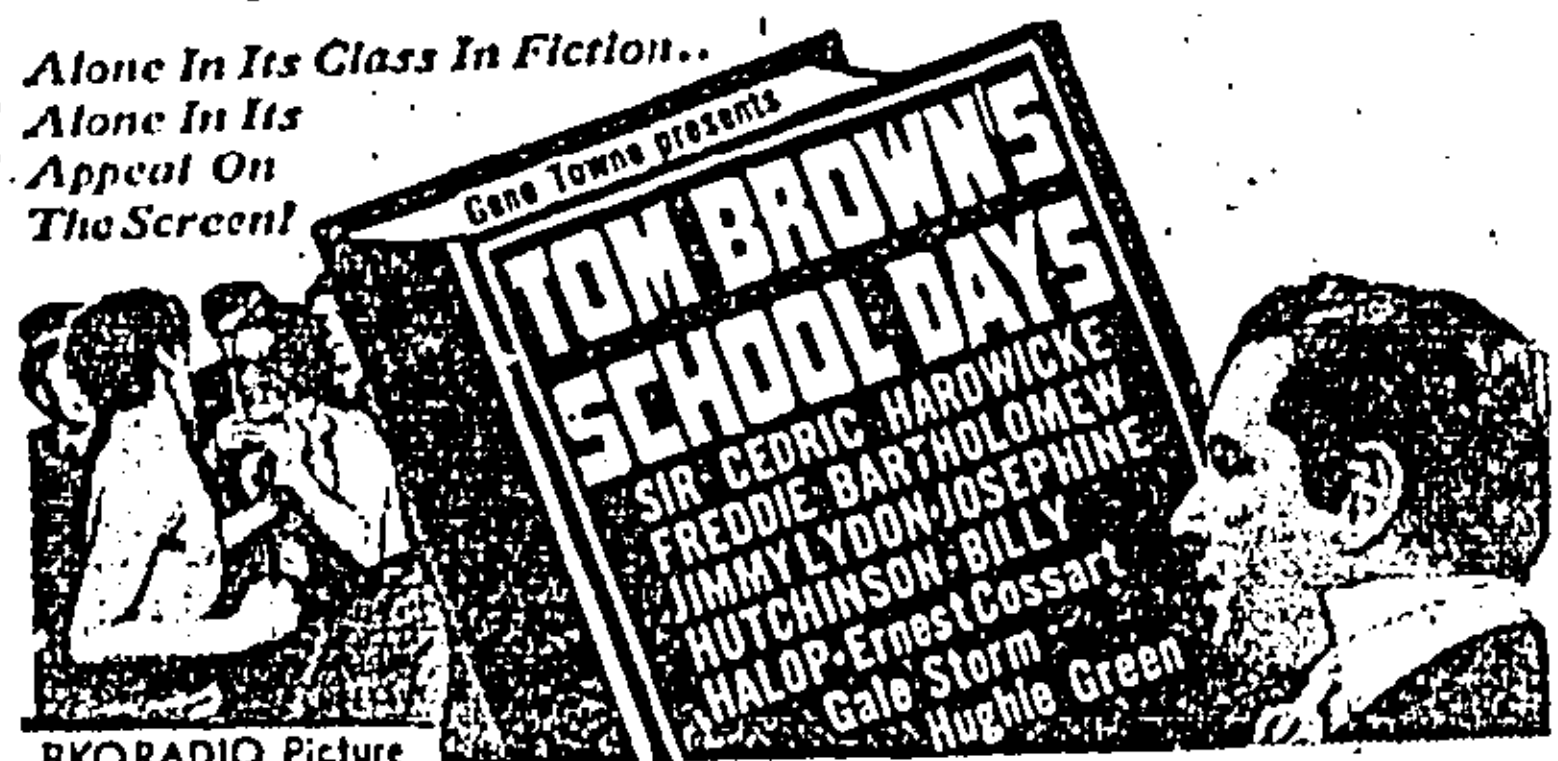
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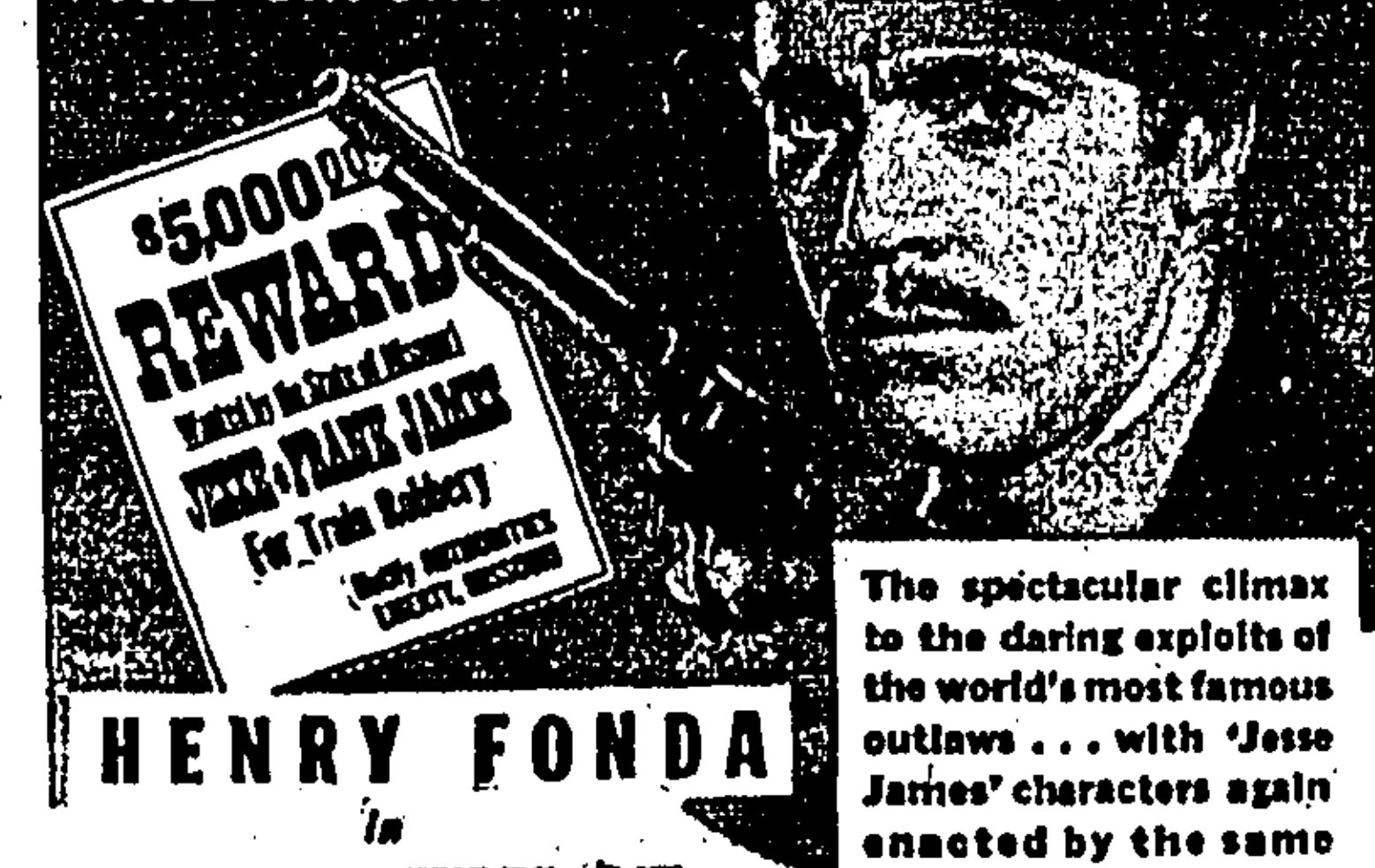


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Cabinet Problem Remains Unsolved

FROM PAGE ONE

their organisation but only broke off
this meeting.

Crisis Still Acute

BELGRADE, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—
Yugo-Slavia's political crisis appears
to be little nearer solution despite re-
ports that the posts of the three Serb
Ministers, who resigned on Friday as
a protest against acceptance of the
Nazi terms, have now been filled.

With a critical decision still in the
balance, the visit of Yugo-Slav states-
men to Vienna still hangs fire though
a special train was reported to be
standing by during the week-end,
ready to leave at a moment's notice if
required.

Stoyadinovitch Leaves

BELGRADE, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—M.
Stoyadinovitch, the former Yugo-Slav
Premier who is now in British hands,
received his passport at his own re-
quest and has left for Greece "at his
own free will," declared the official
Yugo-Slav news agency to-day.

Serbs As Brake

ANKARA, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The
Serbian element and army leaders in
Yugo-Slavia will prevent widespread
concessions to Germany, says the
Turkish newspaper "Ulus," to-day.

The Ankara radio to-night broad-
cast the précis of a long "Ulus" article
on Yugo-Slavia, which was published
in this newspaper. The article de-
clares that while the resignation of
three Yugo-Slav ministers indicates
that the opposition to surrender has
not been entirely successful, those in
favour of concessions will not be
allowed by the Serbian element and
military leaders to go very far.

Yugo-Slavia knows that once
foreign legions enter the country
"pledges in black and white will
dwindle into scraps of paper." Hence
Yugo-Slavia is continuing to strength-
en the army.

No Anti-Greek Base

"Ulus" says that it can be most
strongly believed that the Yugo-Slav
army would not permit Yugo-Slav
territories to be an instrument in any
plot against the Greek army.

The announcer concluded: "While
German pressure continues on one
hand, Yugo-Slav national resistance
becomes all the more imminent—
especially as the voice of the Yugo-
Slav press is emphatic on the subject
of no concessions of national sov-
ereignty and independence."

British Inducements

CAIRO, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—Some
actors which should encourage
Yugo-Slavia to stand firm in the face
of German demands were indicated
in British official circles here to-day.

It is declared that the action of
the three Yugo-Slav ministers, who
resigned as a protest against Govern-
ment's majority vote in favour of the
German terms, will be applauded in
Yugo-Slavia as a whole, and the
Yugo-Slav Government can take this
popular feeling into account.

Another element which they can-
not have failed to consider are the
recent conversations between the
British and Turkish ministers at
Cyprus, which, as stressed in both
Cairo and Ankara, re-emphasised
complete Anglo-Turkish identity of
views.

The Yugo-Slav government is also
taking into account the help in
material and munitions and the naval
and air support which Britain is
giving to Greece, upon which Yugo-
Slavia would also be able to call if
attacked by Germany.

Hazards Due To Italy

The Yugo-Slav government must
also have observed the signs of the
growing conviction in Germany that
the military hazards in the Balkans,
are greatly increased by Italian dif-
ficulties in East Africa.

All these considerations suggest
most clearly the course which is in
her interest and those of her neigh-
bours. The demand is for Yugo-
Slavia to following the examples of
Greece and Turkey and stand firm
before German threats.

Lawn Bowls Match

The bowls match between the
Kowloon Cricket Club and the
Northumberland and Durham Asso-
ciation which was to have taken place
on March 18 and was postponed on
account of the weather, has now been
arranged for Sunday next at the
K.C.C.

Two Nazi Bombers down: Success for A.A. Guns

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—The destruction of two
enemy bombers over Britain to-day is confirmed by an Air
Ministry communique which records that there was little enemy
activity over this country during the day.

Single aircraft are reported to have
dropped bombs near the Channel
coast and at a point in northern Scot-
land. Little damage and few
casualties were caused.

One of two German raiders who
were attempting to bomb a ship at
anchor in North Scotland had its tail
shot off by anti-aircraft guns and
crashed in flames.

Another German bomber was shot
down by British fighters in south
England.

A number of German planes
approached a south-west England
town this morning but were driven
off by heavy gunfire.

Many people coming from a
church watched while the battle was
in progress.

Over At Night

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Reuter).—For
the second successive night, enemy
raiders were reported over Britain
after darkness to-night.

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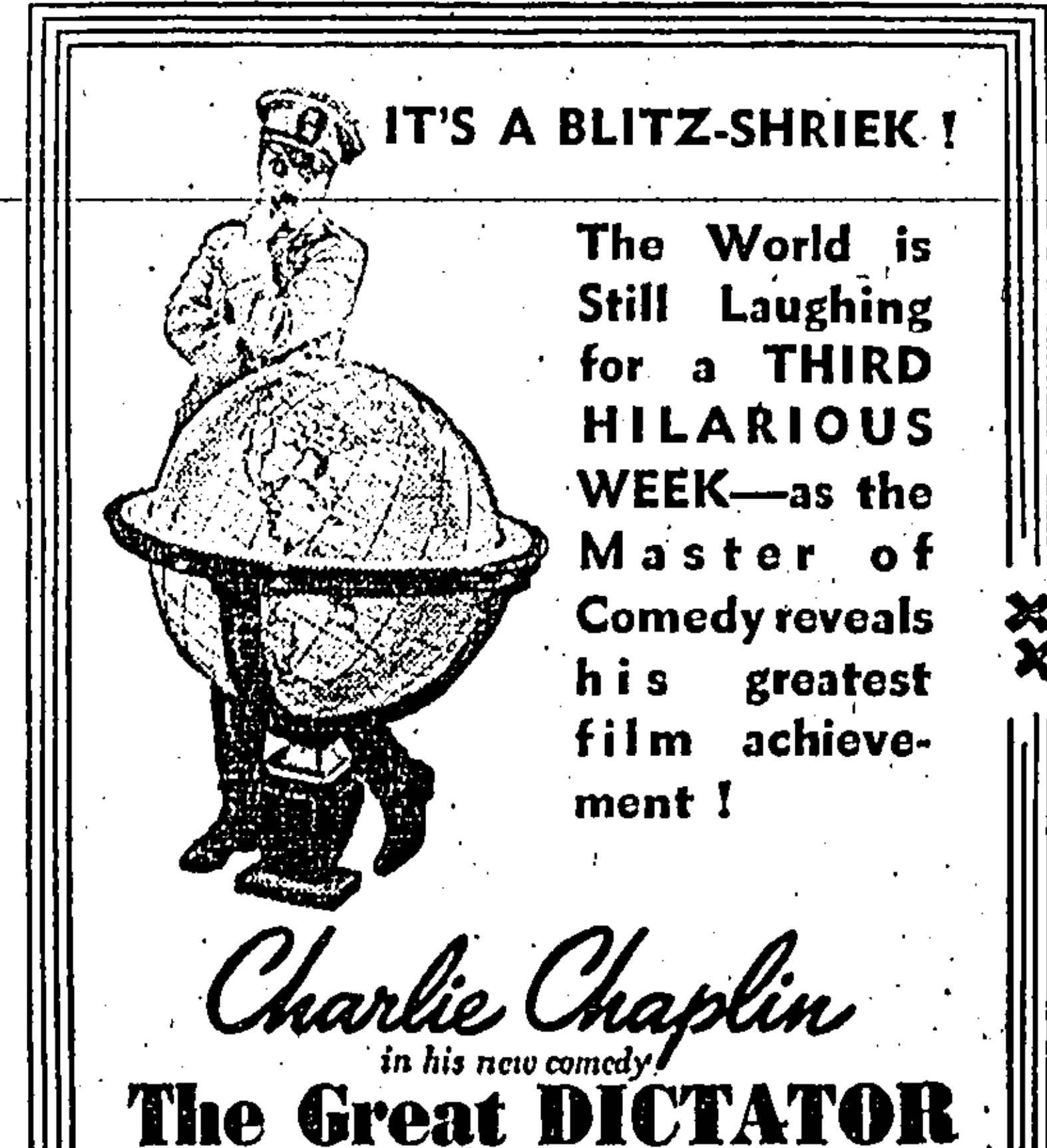
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